

President Coleen Reamer called the January 26, 2017 Adams County COG meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

The following members were present: **Boroughs:** Arendtsville, Biglerville, Carroll Valley, Fairfield, Gettysburg, and Littlestown. **Townships:** Berwick, Conewago, Cumberland, Franklin, Germany, Hamilton, Hamiltonban, Highland, Huntington, and Straban. **School Districts:** Gettysburg and Upper Adams. **Adams County:** Jim Martin and Marty Qually.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ARNDT (CONEWAGO) AND SECONDED BY MOSER (LITTLESTOWN) TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 15, 2016 MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLEY.

TREASURERS REPORT: Pat Smith presented the Treasurer's report which showed an ending balance of \$7,825.42 after four checks had been deducted. The checks were: #164 to Gus Fridenvalds-62.71 for plaque & gift Certificate, # 165 to Gus Fridenvalds- PACOG 2016 Fall Conference, # 166 to The Gettysburg Times legal advertisement, # 167 to U.S. Postal Service for box rental.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY GORDON (HAMILTONBAN) AND SECONDED BY LIVINGSTON (HAMILTON) TO APPROVE THE TREASURER REPORT TO AUDIT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLEY.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

NEW BUSINESS: President Reamer introduced our guest speaker: Monica Dutko, Director Adams County Board of Elections. Ms. Dutko announced that Primary Day is May 16, 2017. Petitions for open offices may be picked up starting Feb. 1. Signatures can be sought from Feb. 14 and must be returned by Mar. 7. Petitions for county wide offices require 100 signatures and municipal positions require 10. New candidates for Tax Collector must pass a background check.

Only candidates for School boards and District Magistrate are permitted to Cross file. Voter lists are available at the Elections Office.

Round the COG- President Reamer asked that each attendee introduce themselves and make a comment about activities in their area.

Coleen Reamer, Hamiltonban Twp.: Hamiltonban has received several grants to fund their joint park project with Fairfield. Work continues on updating their zoning ordinance with Fairfield. The Twp. Continues to work on issues with fire companies.

Gus Fridenvalds, Huntington Twp.: We are quite comfortable with our cows, pigs and chickens. We don't have a traffic light and we do not collect a real estate tax. We are making plans to build a new Salt shed and working on some ordinances that deal with private burials and billboards. Turned down an application for a marijuana production facility.

Ferd Prehn, Arendtsville: Ferd is new to the area, only a resident for 15 years. The Borough will be replacing some old water mains from the new bridge to the square and doing the side streets

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next year. Arendtsville Vocational School Building will be 100 years old. Will be celebrating the anniversary and will get the building on the Historical Register. June 4th, it will be open for tours. Pat Smith, Fairfield: President of Fairfield Borough Council and serves on the Fairfield Municipal Authority. Fairfield is on the Historical Register, and a member of the Southwest Adams County Comp Plan. They adopted a fire Tax, do not have a police force but contract with Carroll Valley for police coverage.

Bob Gordon, Hamiltonban: Thanks to Coleen for getting the grants for the Twp. park. This was a project that Coleen and Bob supported from when they both ran for Supervisor. Also, the idea of a Twp. Campus for all the Township Facilities. The Twp. Is working regionally with neighboring municipalities and are updating their Zoning Ordinances. There is a problem with private roads, many of the old fire roads or lanes, that cause problems for emergency vehicles.

George Mauser, Straban: Member of Planning Commission. Straban Township is involved with regional planning.

Robin Crushong, Straban: Rec Board received grant, looking at feasibility of joining two trails.

Brad Hunt, Gettysburg Area School District: Vocational Education is a problem since Adams County does not have its own county wide Vocational Technical School. The District wrestles with mandates, some are good like educating special needs students, others like Charter School Law are difficult to work with. The pension system is a real problem. The District is looking for a replacement for Dr. Redding who is retiring.

Terry Moser, Littlestown: The Borough just purchased a new Backhoe, and now are looking for a grant to repair some streets, the fire company is building a new building and the Police Department have a new contract.

Jack Ketterman, Germany: Has been involved with local government for 10 years. The Parks and Rec Board received a grant to study the recreation needs of the Township. Drugs are a real problem for the young especially Heroin.

Jay Livingston, Hamilton: Jay is the Roadmaster and works to keep the roads in shape, was a Township Supervisor for Oxford Township and served with the Fire Company.

Tom Burrrow, Hamilton: is the new Alternate Representative from the Hamilton to the COG. He just moved here from Vermont after retiring as a paid fireman.

Lt. James Graham, Pennsylvania State Police: Has served as a Trooper for 33 years, is now the Commander of the Gettysburg Barracks. He lives in Adams County and works from 5:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Have a problem, call him. Drugs are a problem, Heroin is a big problem.

Susan Plank, Franklin: Like everyone else, they are working on the roads. They are working jointly with Hamiltonbam on replacing the Hickory Bridge.

Commissioner Jim Martin, Adams County: Proud to serve in his second term. The Human Services Building will be ready for some agencies by the end of February. This will be a modern facility for the citizens of Adams County. As Commissioner, he serves on several Boards including the Office of Ageing, the Conservation District, 4 H, and Destination Gettysburg. The County received a \$259,000 dividend for controlling costs. He had the honor of attending the Inauguration and is proud to be living in Adams County.

Barry Cockley, Berwick: Township works to control taxes, presently is involved with Codification of Township Ordinances.

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Ted Streeter, Gettysburg: Serves as the Mayor of the Borough, stumbles from one crises to the next. Serves on the Police Commission, the Borough is only 1.5 square miles and finances are a problem, can't raise parking fees and real estate taxes any higher. They are the highest in the County. They have to rezone and re-plan. With little space, they will have to build up.

Belinda Wallen, Upper Adams School District: schools deal with many mandates, several schools are at capacity, proud of the Vo-Tech program, uses Cumberland Perry and the accomplishments of the FFA.

Jared Cottrill, Representative Will Tallman's Office: Working on a lot of priorities, some from last year. Pension reform, school funding, local radar, electronic recycling, and human services. Hope to be more productive this year. Glad to hear Gov. Tom Wolf received a clean bill of health.

Mary Sherman, Highland: Updating and rewriting the SALDO and hired a new road worker.

Carroll Smith, Fairfield: Fairfield is surrounded by Hamiltonban Township so it is important to plan together and cooperate. Penndot will be repaving Rt. 116 that runs the length of the Town.

This demands cooperation with Columbia Gas and anyone else with pipes under the road. They are redoing Zoning Ordinance so it lines up with their neighbors.

Scott Pitzer, Sen. Alloways Office: The Senators district stretches from parts of York to Adams to parts of Franklin to parts of Cumberland Counties. For a Senator who has a leadership position, he has a small staff. Scott is VP of Gettysburg Council, a founding member of Adams County Young Professionals, sings in the choir, and is a part time sportswriter for the Gettysburg Times. Vanessa Pellechio, The Gettysburg Times: Reporter.

Commissioner Marty Qually, Adams County Commissioner: He doesn't look it but is 45 years old. He serves on several Boards which the County uses to provide services to the people. While the County funds them, the Commissioner do not control the Prison, the Courts, the various departments, they are controlled by others, some elected. The Most visible part of County Government is the Planning Department which touches the municipalities.

John Eline, Director of Emergency Services: Question, did anyone receive their snow monies? Answer was NO! John reported that the money is in Harrisburg. He is looking forward to retiring but will probably be around as a volunteer.

Warren Bladen, Deputy Director of Emergency Services: (Will be Director) Working along-side John to learn the Job.

Dave Arndt, Conewago: Busy redoing Comp Plan, purchased the old Hanover Airport, dealing with MS4s.

Phil Wagner, Biglerville: Busy working on up-grade to the sewer plant.

Sherry Clayton Williams, Director of Adams County Planning Office: The Planning office is a resource for all of us who are working on Comp Plans or rezoning. There is an economic component to Comp Plans.

Andrew Merkel, Assistant Director of Adams County Planning Office: Need to do more Transportation Planning and in the future, we will be interacting with more staff as they are assigned to various areas.

Steve Toddes, Cumberland: He is a Supervisor, has heard nothing that he hasn't encountered, including problems with burials. He works with the Rec Board and is working on a joint project with Gettysburg.

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Barbara Underwood, Cumberland: Cumberland with a population of 6,200 is the largest Township in the County. They are working on filling some of the vacant buildings in the Township. Welcome to the Human Services Building but need to fill Boyd's Bears, Schindler and WGET buildings.

They are working on the joint Comp Plan and what about MS4s? Any Federal help or relief?

OLD BUSINESS:

AC, COLLABORATION COMMITTEE. The Committee met and discussed several issues-that effect the County, our schools, emergency services and electronic recycling. Some if these issues need to be addressed by our legislators. Note, Tax collector fees have to be set by February 14, to take effect in the next term.

ADAMS COUNTY CONNECTED. Commissioner Qually reported: Senator Casey's office was contacted because there was Federal money that was supposed to support development of Rural Internet.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE. Bob Gordon reported that the Committee met in Senator Alloway's office. Our plan is to collaborate with our legislator's Reps, looking at bills that our Representatives are working on.

PUBLIC WORKS. Nothing happening, suggestion is that the COG should restructure this committee.

EMERGENCY SERVICES. Coleen reported that February 21, the Fire Commissioner representatives were coming to meet with the committee.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

- Adams County Commissioners: Commissioner Jim Martin reported that contrary to recent reports, there is Drug and Alcohol Treatment at the County Prison. Usually, prisoners leave the prison in better health then when they arrived. Next, DEP released some funds to aid the Chesapeake Bay and they are not coming to Adams County because we are not on the list.
Counties are concerned about the Heroin problem and formed a Task Force.
- Commissioner Qually: commented that we really need to fill the vacancies on the local election boards. These are important positions.

- Adams County Planning: There is a move on the Federal level to consolidate MPO's. This would mean our organization merging with a more urban organization like York County. If it means that the TIPS will be merged, then the funding merges. It went into effect Jan19. Could this change?
 - ACTCC: Will meet the first Wednesday in February at 6:30. We need a quorum.
 - YATB: Meets January 31, at 6:30 p.m. at Duke street in York.
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- BOROUGH ASSOCIATION: Mayor Harris is absent, no report.
 - TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS: No report.
 - SCHOOL DISTRICTS: Brad Hunt presented handouts on a Bill that would eliminate School Property Taxes. This Bill would take the burden of supporting schools and increase Sales Tax and the Income Tax. The result is that it places the burden on working people. Walmart and businesses would pay no tax.
 - ACEDC- No one present- no report.
 - LEGISLATIVE REPORTING:
 1. Scott Pitzer- Commented that he liked what he heard about municipalities cooperating on joint comp plans and other projects, cooperation saves money.
 2. Jared Cottrill- pointed out that the grant money that Commissioner Martin was referring to was based on a list of the ten worst polluters and Adams was not on that list.
 - STATE POLICE: Holiday packages were stolen, credit cards misused. Big problem that remains is HEROIN.

President Coleen announced that the By-Laws Committee needs to have a meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Bob Gordon, Hamiltonban: Suggested that the issue of the ACTPO and the TIP should be taken to the attention of the Governor.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ARNDT (CONEWAGO) AND SECONDED BY QUALLY (ADAMS COUNTY) TO ADJORN THE MEETING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

President Reamer announced that our next meeting will be February 23, 2017. The meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Signed,

Gus Fridenvalds
Secretary

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