

President Barbara Underwood called the June 24, 2010 Adams County COG meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

The following members were present: **Boroughs:** Arendtsville, Biglerville, Carroll Valley, East Berlin, Gettysburg and Littlestown; **School Districts:** Bermudian Springs and Gettysburg; **Townships:** Butler, Cumberland, Franklin, Freedom, Germany, Hamilton, Hamiltonban, Highland, Mt. Joy, Mt. Pleasant, Oxford, Straban, Tyrone.

Others present were: Barb Walter, Adams County Tax Assessor, Tim Barr, 21st Century Appraisals; Dan Moul, 91st District State Representative, Jordan Gouker, Spokesperson for 193 District State Representative William Tallman; Skip Strayer, Spokesperson for 33rd District State Senator Richard Alloway; John Messeder, Reporter for Gettysburg Times.

PRIOR MEETING MINUTES: A MOTION WAS MADE BY STREETER (GETTYSBURG BOROUGH) AND SECONDED BY GORDON (HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP) TO APPROVE THE MAY 27, 2010 MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

TREASURERS REPORT: The Treasurer Report showed a balance of \$3,324.65. Municipalities participating in the line painting project will be billed for their portion of the legal notices.

OLD BUSINESS: President Underwood announced that the Nominating Committee and Emergency Services Committee will be tabled for this meeting. We will carry it on the agenda as a reminder to be discussed later.

OPEN DISCUSSION: Representative Dan Moul was moved up in the agenda due to his schedule. Moul discussed the state budget to include Sales Tax increases and Severance Tax for natural gas companies.

REPORTS/DISCUSSION:

Public Works Committee: President Underwood asked if there is any interest in the COG for the joint venture of purchasing signs. She asked the group to check with the road crews and get back to her.

Health Care Committee: President Underwood announced that the information was given to those interested.

Website: Dave Hazlett was absent.

COG PROJECTS:

President Underwood announced that ideas and suggestions for COG projects are welcomed. Some of them are: 1) CDL Records Management 2) First Energy Electric Rates for a possible negotiated COG electric rate. 3) Alternate Energy Ordinances from Bicky Redman 4) Adams County Child Advocacy Center 5) The following training separate events: a) Grant Writing Seminar, Right to Know Law, Planning and Zoning Hearing Boards, New Supervisor and Council member information.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Tim Barr, 21st Century Appraisals was present to discuss the Adams County Reassessment Program. All information is available on the county's website by using the property owner's control number and password. The property values will be mailed on July 1, 2010 and the property owners have 40 days to review these values with the reassessment company. The new millage rates will be available to school districts and municipalities on November 15, 2010 which is when the certified values are provided. He explained that the tax base increases and the millage decreases.

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The municipalities may have two votes regarding their millage (1) to equalize the values and (2) to vote to raise millage. Barr reported that the municipalities and schools have a 5% limit to raising the taxes, by law. Barb Walter explained that notices of the formal appeals (after the review process) will be sent to the municipalities. This may be done electronically.

OPEN DISCUSSION: Skip Strayer, Spokesperson for 33rd District State Senator Richard Alloway, commented on the state budget.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY STREETER (Gettysburg Borough) TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.
President Underwood adjourned the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

**Next meeting – 7/22/10 at 8:30 am at Adams County Emergency Management Building,
230 Greenmyer Lane, Gettysburg. The speaker for this meeting will be Bicky Redman, Adams
County Environmental Services Department**