

President Gus Fridenvalds called the February 25, 2015 Adams County COG meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

The following members were present: **Boroughs:** Arendtsville, Biglerville, Fairfield, Gettysburg and Littlestown. **Townships:** Butler, Conewago, Cumberland, Franklin, Germany, Hamilton, Hamiltonban, Highland, Huntington, Reading, and Straban. **Adams County.**

Guests: Marty Qually and Jim Martin, Adams County Commissioners; John Eline, Adams County Emergency Services; Judy Chambers, Penn State Extension; Vanessa Pellechio, Gettysburg Times; Sherri Clayton-Williams, Adams County Office of Planning and Development.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PREHN (ARENDSVILLE BOROUGH) AND SECONDED BY KECKLER (BUTLER TOWNSHIP) TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 28, 2016 MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

TREASURERS REPORT: Pat Smith was absent so President Fridenvalds announced the Treasurer's report which showed a balance as of this date of \$8,505.99 and the changes from the last meeting.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY GORDON (HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP) AND SECONDED BY SMITH (FAIRFIELD BOROUGH) TO APPROVE THE TREASURER REPORT AS READ TO AUDIT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

NEW BUSINESS: President Fridenvalds announced that the new business would be covered under each individual committee report.

OLD BUSINESS (following the order of the agenda):

AC. Collaboration Committee. President Fridenvalds reported on the Adams County Rescue Mission (ARM) status for electronic recycling. The current amount of municipal /private pledges are \$13,500. Councilman Scot Pitzer (GETTYSBURG BOROUGH) reported that their borough is making a donation of \$500 for this purpose. ARM has been working on their building for the resolve of electronic recycling but they have not been able to obtain a recycling company to take this type of recycling. Therefore, there has been changes to the costs and so the COG is asking for the municipalities to hold their donations until this has been set up. Fridenvalds thanked everyone who has decided to fund this effort.

A reminder to the membership is that the legislature needs to work on this important issue that affects the entire state. On March 21, 2016 a legislative hearing is going to be held in Harrisburg regarding this issue and much support will be needed including testifying at the hearing. Sherri Clayton-Williams, ACOPD, announced that they have been speaking with DEP to allow those who collect the electronic recycling to collect a fee from the consumer and the possibility of using out of state recycler's. Clayton-Williams continued that this cannot be done without legislative changes.

Adams County Connected. None.

Legislative Committee: Paul Bart (READING TOWNSHIP) reported that the committee has met and is suggesting that the following be done (1) Request a progress report from the local legislature on the ACCOG legislative priorities (2) a quarterly letter from the panel members and post it on the ACCOG website and any other municipalities' websites that request the same. (3) Set up the Legislative Forum. Bart will discuss a date for the forum and report back to the membership.

Adams County Joint Purchasing/Public Works: Livingston (HAMILTON TOWNSHIP) reported that he is working on holding a meeting to review the following: (1) General equipment list. (2) Working on relations with other municipalities where working together can be established or continued Also, he asked for any other ideas that members have on this committee.

Emergency Services: Barb Underwood (ADAMS REGIONAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES) (AREMS), informed the COG members that AREMS handled 27,000 ALS calls in the first 7 months of being in business.

John Eline (ADAMS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES) reported on the following items: (1) Municipalities may request local fire service data if the fire department is located within the municipality making the request. Outside of that location, permission must be granted from the local fire department or municipality. (2) Emergency Services have sent in the application to the state for the Storm recovery costs. Nothing official has been received yet but the Governor has made a request to the President Obama for a Presidential Declaration for the Commonwealth of PA. If granted, the estimate of 75% per entity has been proposed; but they have to wait to see if the declaration is made. (3) Favorable comments have been received on the good communication made between the municipalities and various emergency services during the large snow storm. He is very pleased with the radio system and it's improvements to the communications in Adams County. Underwood (CUMBERLAND TOWNSHIP) thanked Eline and his staff for a good job.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

- Adams County Commissioners: Commissioner Martin reported on these items (1) Adams County Office of Aging has set their budget (2) Human Resources building is under design review and moving forward. (3) Classes for grants on Low Volume Roads is being held in April and those interested in this training may contact Deb Musselman at dmusselman@adamscounty.us.

Commissioner Qually reported on these items (1) Discussion is underway at the state level regarding merger of transportation authorities in the state. This would save in some administration costs and allow the county to save 5 years of matching funds for the transportation authority. The Adams County Planning and Development office is working on the review if Adams County should join this group. (2) A survey is being distributed through his office on the high density internet line being built from New York to VA. They will be using rural routes which include Hanover, PA and Frederick, MD

Adams County Commissioner (continued):

- If anyone is interested in seeing these routes to include our area please contact Qually at mqually@adamscounty.us. The developer is interested in finding out where the highest usage will be located along these routes. Local businesses and residents are encouraged to answer the survey which may benefit Adams County.

Underwood (CUMBERLAND TOWNSHIP) and Hunt (GETTYSBURG AREA SCHOOLS) discussed the ideas that schools are providing to their students who have no internet service or low density services. This shows the reality of the lack of services in our county and its impact on the students.

(3) Qually suggested that buildings that are not in use can be a problem to municipalities. If you have those buildings please contact Commissioner Qually that can review the situation and see if there is a county department that can assist the municipality.

- Judy Chambers, PENN STATE EXTENSION OFFICE, Chambers reported that the Newly Elected training were completed and a success. Also, please contact Judy at jrc355@psu.edu for your training ideas for our county. Discussion on state budget line items and Chambers explained that the extension office could use some support and if there are municipalities that have success stories on the extension office impact please send an email to Chambers. President Fridenvalds agreed they should be funded and that should be communicated to our legislature. Chambers has been a very important part of the COG since the inception of the COG.
- Township Officials Association: Bob Gordon (HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP) reported that the ACATO newsletter will be going out to the membership. Their two-topic workshop will be held on March 29, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at the Emergency Services building. The topics will be (1) Financial Security presentation from ACNB (2) Functions of Adams County Transportation Planning Organization (ACTPO by Andrew Merkel).
- Borough's Association/ACTCC: Judy Chambers (PENN STATE EXTENSION OFFICE) reported on the upcoming meeting-- Adams County Boroughs Association meeting to be held on 3/21/16 at 6:15 p.m. at The Pike Restaurant with the speaker from HACC.
- Legislative Guest: Scot Pitzer (SENATOR ALLOWAY OFFICE) provided some background to the State's 2015-16 budget. Discussion with Hunt (Gettysburg Area Schools) on funding. Bart (Reading Township) requested feedback from Senator Alloway on the Legislative priorities.

Gordon (HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP) announced the Planning Office sent out a survey to all municipalities called Disaster Preparedness Survey. He asked the members to check with their office to see if it has been completed and sent back to the Planning office.

Underwood (CUMBERLAND TOWNSHIP) reported that concerns about mosquitoes in our county will be discussed in the April meeting with the Health Department representatives coming to the COG meeting.

Black (FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP) reported that Deb Musselman will hold the Low Volume Roads training in April and this certification is good for 5 years. Please contact Musselman at her email at dmusselman@adamscounty.us

President Fridenvalds announced that Lloyd Keckler is the new supervisor from BUTLER TOWNSHIP and welcomed him to the COG.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PREHN (ARENDSVILLE BOROUGH) AND SECONDED BY QUALLY (ADAMS COUNTY) ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 9:25 A.M. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Signed,

Sandra L. Vazquez
Secretary