

President Bob Gordon called the September 27, 2012 Adams County COG meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and welcomed everyone.

The following members were present: **Boroughs:** Abbottstown, Biglerville, Carroll Valley, East Berlin, Fairfield, Gettysburg, York Springs; **School Districts:** Bermudian Springs, Fairfield **Townships:** Conewago, Cumberland, Germany, Hamilton, Hamiltonban, Highland, Huntington, Liberty, Menallen, Mt. Joy, Oxford, Reading, Straban. **County:** Adams County

Others present were: Nick Colonna, Adams County Planning and Development Office; Judy Chambers, Penn State Extension, Mark Wherley, Community Media; Mark Berg, Community Media; Jim Krut, Community Media; Mary Bowers and John Eline, Adams County Dept. of Emergency Services.

Legislative Guests: Adams County Commissioners: Jim Martin, Randy Phiel and Marty Qually; Representative Will Tallman spokesperson: Jared Cattrill; Representative Dan Moul's spokesperson: Chris Kimple.

MEETING MINUTES: A MOTION WAS MADE BY FRIDENVALDS (HUNTINGTON TOWNSHIP) AND SECONDED BY ROCKEY (HIGHLAND TOWNSHIP) TO ADOPT THE AUGUST 23, 2012 MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

TREASURERS REPORT: Treasurer Caroline Dean (FAIRFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT) reported that the account balance is \$5,271.77. The report was accepted, as read by President Gordon.

NEW BUSINESS: President Gordon asked Eline and Bowers from Adams County Department of Emergency Services (ACDES) to update the members on the new county radio system. Eline announced that each municipality was provided a packet of information. Bowers reviewed each section with the group and the ownership of the radio equipment is yet to be determined by the county. Subsequent to receiving the equipment the municipality will be asked to sign an agreement on this equipment. The county is purchasing this radio equipment without any cost to the municipalities and members were informed of the type and amount of equipment. Bowers explained that any additional equipment must be ordered by the individual municipality through the Motorola Company but they will receive the same pricing as the county received. Anyone with questions should contact ACDES. Training will come later in the process. Eline will provide further information at the next COG meeting.

Also, Eline announced the cancellation of the September 29, 2012 training for municipalities but the October 3, 2012 training is still being held.

President Gordon introduced Mayor Ron Harris (CARROLL VALLEY BOROUGH) and Mark Wherly from Community Media (formally ACTV). Harris provided a power point demonstration on the funding, operation and equipment of the organization. Community Media is a PEG station which covers Public Information, Education and Government issues. Additionally, streaming is available through them at communitymedia.net. Harris commented that the municipalities franchise fees may be used to contribute toward this entity depending on the independent decision of the municipality. Requests were made to help facilitate the increase use of this tool for the county including internships from schools.

OLD BUSINESS: President Gordon called on the various committee chairs to give reports and they are as follows:

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Gordon announced that he has appointed the following members to the listed committee:

- (1) COG Bylaws Committee – Barb Underwood (CUMBERLAND TOWNSHIP) and Sharon Hamm (STRABAN TOWNSHIP)
- (2) Nominating Committee – Marcy Hagarman (CONEWAGO TOWNSHIP) and Jack Ketterman (GERMANY TOWNSHIP)
- (3) AC Collaboration – John Butterfield (GETTYSBURG BOROUGH).

Gordon requested those interested in serving on committees to contact him and he thanked those who are currently serving.

Sharon Hamm (STRABAN TOWNSHIP) reported that the A C Collaboration Committee held a meeting with more details to follow.

President Gordon asked Barb Underwood (CUMBERLAND TOWNSHIP) on the Connecting Committee, which is now called Adams County Connected. Underwood reported that they are working on the branding and Chambers (PENNSTATE EXTENSION) explained that their group is considering reaching out to groups within the county that do not have internet experience and this may include some associated with the Public Works committee. Chambers announced the 21st Century Experience training that they will hold next month.

Sharon Hamm (STRABAN TOWNSHIP) updated the members on the Emergency Services Committee. She reported that our contractor, John Senft is working on gathering information.

President Gordon explained that the Joint Purchasing and Public Works Committees are continuing to work on their projects.

President Gordon gave a report on the PA COG Convention that was held locally this month. He stated that the conference was very successful and that there were 17 registered Adams County COG members and this was a record for the PA COG. Gordon thanked everyone who participated.

President Gordon stated that the Budget and Nominating Committees will be forthcoming with their information to provide to the members for the appropriate action for the ending of the year.

OPEN DISCUSSION: The Adams County Commissioner Phiel commended the COG for their participation in the PA COG convention and pointed out that it was good for our community. Also, he pointed out that the commissioners will be thanking citizens who have voted for 50 consecutive elections in the county for the Voter Hall of Fame. Further, he stated that the county is upgrading new servers, hardware and website. Commissioner Martin agreed that the PA COG was good for the community and served as an educational experience and thanked the support from everyone (including legislators) on the radio grant. Commissioner Qually provided information on Assessment hearings that they are holding.

Penn State: Chambers (PENNSTATE EXTENSION) had nothing further to announce at this time.

Legislators: Chris Kimple, from Representative Dan Moul's office reported on these items. (1) The House is back in session, as of this week. (2) The House does not expect the Prevailing Wage amendments to reach the Senate this year but will keep working on it. (3) Assessment of Mobile Homes so that a national recognized value can be used for it. (4) Moul provided a letter of support for the

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county's radio system to the Governor. Jared Cottrill, from Representative Will Tallman's office had nothing further to comment on since Kimple discussed the Prevailing Wage issue.

Boroughs Association: Harris (CARROLL VALLEY BOROUGH) had nothing further to announce at this time.

Township Officials Association: President Gordon announced that the Association is holding a convention and Act 32 training and the information was available on the back table.

Schools: Tom Dick (BERMUDIAN SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT) explained that they are working on audits and budgets for various years.

YATB/ACTCC: Tom Dick (BERMUDIAN SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT) announced that the YATB is working on their 2013 budget and the online filing system update. The RFP for auditors has been sent out and a vote on the results will be held at the November meetings. Regarding the ACTCC move to their new office is expected to happen in December. Hamm (STRABAN TOWNSHIP) asked if they have had enough members to meet a quorum and Dick responded that they have and it is very important that a quorum is met for these important meetings so the decisions that affect everyone can be made.

President Gordon adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Next meeting – 10/25/12 at 8:30 am at Adams County Emergency Management Building, 230 Greenmyer Lane, Gettysburg.

Signed,

Sandra L. Vazquez
Secretary