

President Barbara Underwood called the October 27, 2011 Adams County COG meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

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

Others present were: Nick Colona, Adams County Planning and Development; Scot Pitzer, Senator Alloway's office representative; Judy Chambers, Penn State Extension Office; Kenneth Rotz, Keystate Publishers, Inc.

President Barbara Underwood stated that York Springs, Fairfield and Redding Township were interested in joining the COG.

MEETING MINUTES: A MOTION WAS MADE BY GORMONT (MT. JOY TOWNSHIP) AND SECONDED BY KELLETT (FREEDOM TOWNSHIP) TO ADOPT THE SEPTEMBER 22, 2011 MINUTES. PRESIDENT UNDERWOOD STATED THAT THE MINUTES WERE ACCEPTED AS READ.

TREASURERS REPORT: Lori Duncan, Treasurer, was absent. President Underwood presented the report with a balance of \$3,547.82.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KELLETT (FREEDOM TOWNSHIP) AND SECONDED BY GORMONT (MT. JOY TOWNSHIP) TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER'S REPORT. PRESIDENT UNDERWOOD STATED THAT THE TREASURER REPORT WAS ACCEPTED AS READ.

OLD BUSINESS: Emergency Services Committee. Sharon Hamm (STRABAN TOWNSHIP) discussed the surveys that they received from the municipalities on the EMS Surveys and she explained that the fire company results were not received yet since they were sent to ACVESA. The municipalities that have not answered will be contacted and hopefully the committee can add their information to the results.

Legislative Committee: Bob Gordon (HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP) discussed the Senate Hearings of the L&I Committee of the Pa Senate that were held in Chambersburg on Prevailing wage on October 11, 2011. At this hearing, President Barb Underwood and Vice President Bob Gordon testified on behalf of Adams County COG. Gordon thanked everyone who participated with write-ups and the Gettysburg Times for their coverage of the event. Underwood thanked Senator Alloway and his staff for their senate hearing involvement. Chambers (PENN STATE) added that Senator Alloway was complimentary to the Adams County COG and their participation in this hearing. Scott Pitzer, Senator Alloway's representative gave a report on where this action is in the House of Representatives and that the committee hopes that this will pass during this session.

Ketterman (GERMANY TOWNSHIP) asked about the passage of the ACT 32 tax ordinance or resolutions. Gordon (HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP) told him that the municipalities pass an ordinance and the schools pass resolutions before December 1, 2011. A copy of the adopted document should be sent to DCED by that date. Further, Ketterman (GERMANY TOWNSHIP) discussed with members the donation of their cable franchise fees to the Adams County public television station. Harris (CARROLL VALLEY BOROUGH) suggested that municipalities look at their contracts with Comcast for guidance. President Underwood recommended that this be revisited next year.

SPEAKERS: Kenneth Rotz, Keystate Publishers, Inc. was present to discuss codification which is an accounting system for Ordinances. Rotz email is klrotz@keystatepub.com. President Underwood gave the members a disclaimer that the COG was not endorsing this company but only providing this for information purposes only.

President Underwood called on Raub (TYRONE TOWNSHIP) to discuss the joint purchasing proposal that was presented at the last meeting with Lincoln Intermediate (LIU). Raub (TYRONE TOWNSHIP) reported that he has talked to Lynn Knouse from LIU whose office provides a joint purchasing between their program and school districts. He asked if the COG members have interest in this arrangement and we would need to know what products or services that we would be looking into with LIU. Hamm (STRABAN TOWNSHIP) recommended that the COG get involved with joint purchasing with the LIU. Harris (CARROLL VALLEY BOROUGH) suggested that a standard shopping list be established so as to work off of it to determine interests. President Underwood asked if the school districts have such an item. Hamm (STRABAN TOWNSHIP) suggested that we check with PA COG for support in this area. President Underwood asked Raub (TYRONE TOWNSHIP) to serve as the Chair of this committee and for volunteers to serve in order to work further in this effort. They are Dave Wheeler (LITTLESTOWN BOROUGH), Barb Underwood (CUMBERLAND TOWNSHIP), Gus Fridenvalds (HUNTINGTON TOWNSHIP), and Mayor Ron Harris (CARROLL VALLEY BOROUGH).

NEW BUSINESS: President Underwood asked the Nominations Committee Chairman Raub (TYRONE TOWNSHIP) to discuss the nominations for the 2012 COG officials. Raub (TYRONE TOWNSHIP) told the members that a slate of nominations for 2012 will be presented at the next meeting. He asked if anyone would like to serve on the 2012 COG officials to please contact Hamm (STRABAN TOWNSHIP), Hunt (GETTYSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT) or himself. Also, he announced that the committee will need a new Chair for 2012 and asked for someone to take that position.

Chambers (PENN STATE) recommended that newly elected officials be invited to the January meeting of the COG.

OPEN DISCUSSION: Adams County. Nick Colonna was present from Adams County Planning and Development office to announce their work on the Adams County Comprehensive Plan. They are looking at regional plans that have been adopted recently for guidance. Further, he explained that the work being done on the economic plan includes agriculture concerns. He asked that the ACTPO report be added to the next COG Agenda. The storm water planning will continue with the county and he announced the associated dates for this effort.

Adams County Boroughs Association – Harris (CARROLL VALLEY BOROUGH) announced the next meeting on November 21, 2011 and presented flyers on this meeting to the members.

Adams County Association of Township Officials – Gordon (HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP) announced their Fall Conference on November 9, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. to be held at the Buchannan Valley Fire Company and the speaker will be the Adams County Manager, Al Penksa.

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School Districts: Hunt (GETTYSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT) stated that the bid limit changes being made by the legislature will be an assist to the members but it has not been signed by the Governor yet.

Penn State: Chambers announced the Adams County Economic Development Corp will be meeting on November 15, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. at the Ag Center to discuss broadband internet service in the county. All are welcome. An announcement will be sent through the email to all members.

Legislators: Senator Alloway's representative, Scot Pitzer reiterated the work being done on Prevailing Wage. Also, he gave some information on possible re-districting that is coming up before the Senate and that the Marcellus Shale debate will begin in earnest next week.

Hamm (STRABAN TOWNSHIP) asked the members if they chose to extend their waste hauling contracts for an additional year.

President Underwood announced that Bicky Redman from Adams County Solid Waste and Recycling Department would be the speaker for the next meeting. She asked the members to check on drop off bins for used clothing that may be located within each municipality and check if they are regulated.

PRESIDENT UNDERWOOD ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 9:58 a.m.

Next meeting – 11/17/11 (held on the third Thursday due to the Thanksgiving Holiday) at 8:30 am at Adams County Emergency Management Building, 230 Greenamyre Lane, Gettysburg.

Signed,

Sandra L. Vazquez
Secretary