

Adams County Council of Governments  
June 22, 2023  
Draft Meeting Minutes

1. President Scholle called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.
2. Pledge
3. Roll Call:  
Present: Arendtsville, Bendersville, Biglerville, Carroll Valley, Fairfield, Gettysburg, Littlestown, Butler, Conewago, Cumberland, Germany, Mt. Joy, Oxford, Straban, Bermudian Springs, Conewago Valley, Gettysburg Area, Upper Adams & County of Adams
4. Minutes: A motion was made by Laughman (Arendtsville) and seconded by Mauser (Straban) to approve the April minutes. Motion carried
5. Treasurers Report: No new movement Balance 11,298.92
6. Speaker: Ellen Dayhoff (Manager of Rural Resource Division and Admin for the Ag Preservation Program mentioned that she is available anytime to attend a municipality meeting to discuss the Ag Preservation at the Township level give her a call. Ag Preservation preserves the land so that it can never be developed and will remain in agricultural production. Mark Clowney (Senior Planner for the Ag Security Areas): Ag Security was created in 1981 to protect the land owner, provides another level of protection for the farmer to farm his land and is a prerequisite to get into the Ag Preservation program. Sarah Kipp discussed the Land Conservancy Program. The only permanent way to protect agricultural, natural, and scenic landscape resources. The mission is to protect/preserve other kinds of open space through conservation easements or farmland that may not meet the requirements for Ag Preservation. For more information on any of these programs please contact the Adams County Land Development Office.
7. No New Business
8. Regular Business
  - a. ACC: Commissioner Phiel commented mentioned the Voter Registration office will be moving to their new location in August. They have increased from 2 to 4 staff members. He also mentioned that the Covered Bridge Preservation Society will be painting Sachs Covered bridge with fire retardant paint for free.
  - b. Legislative Reps:  
Catherine Wallen (Rep. Ecker) mentioned that Rep Ecker feels the budget will be passed on time with no major policy changes that would affect municipalities. There is discussion on increasing minimum wage to 20.00 per hour. July 13 is Rosie's breakfast. August 10 2<sup>nd</sup> annual fun night at Oak Side Park. The Shippensburg office is now open full time.
  - c. ACOPD: Sherri mentioned the green space grant now open, please contact Kelly Koch for information. CDBG application due by July 28, please contact Deana Duvall. Pictometry training next week. Please contact Lisa Angstadt. Working on the Transportation Improvement update.
  - d. Township Association: No Report
  - e. Borough Association: No Report
  - f. PSP: No Report
  - g. Destination Gettysburg: Karl mentioned booking.com recently named Gettysburg the most welcoming city in the United States. They are promoting the 160<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg. Many events/tours/reenactments. Working with HACC on the Hospitality Apprentices Program. This is a 2-year program.
  - h. ACTCC: No Report
  - i. School Districts:

Justin Peart (Bermudian) mentioned graduation went well. They passed their budget. The locker room project is ahead of schedule.

Wesley Doll (Upper Adams) mentioned that graduation went well. They passed their budget. They have already started planning for next year. Many teachers are moving and there are less teachers.

Becci Leatherly (Gettysburg) mentioned graduation went well with 240 students graduating with 70 of those receiving scholarships totaling 189,000.00. They are holding 2 elementary STEM programs. First day of school is August 22.

Matt Muller (Conewago) mentioned graduation went well. They hope to have the Greenhouse project completed and ready for the fall. Trooper O'Shay provided 2 trainings on bomb incidents. Finishing up hiring: Director of Curriculum. Board authorized researching the creation of their own police force.

- j. AEA: No Report
  - k. @Homeadamscounty: next coalition meeting will be held July 24 at 1 p.m. The meeting is being zoomed.
9. Committee Reports:
- a. AC Collaboration: Ron Harris mentioned we are working on a survey to assess the cyber security of the local governments which will be sent out to each municipality.
  - b. Legislative Committee: David Laughman mentioned the committee met this week and the plan is to present the legislators hopefully in the October time frame.
  - c. Emergency Services: No report
  - d. PA COG: No Report
  - e. Broad Band Task Force: George Mauser the survey results will be completed shortly. The task force will review and then it will move to the Commissioners for review. They will be asking the COG for a letter of support. Marty Qually the importance of partnerships to make sure the projects are coordinated.
10. Public Comment: Discussion on Fire Bans. Should this include fireworks. The County takes the position that it is the responsibility of the Municipality. The State Police do not want to enforce fire bans.
- Karen (Arendtsville) mentioned that they are having a problem with addressing and that Arendtsville is being called Biglerville. This is an issue in other areas as well. Sherri Clayton Williams mentioned that they are aware of some of these issues and are working on them.
11. Announcements: Judi Butterfield mentioned the project north of the square. There is a house on Baltimore Street that will have public restrooms and tourist information.
12. With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle Helwig  
Butler Township