

President Barb Underwood called the December 15, 2011 Adams County COG meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.

The following members were present: **Boroughs:** Arendtsville, Biglerville, Carroll Valley, Gettysburg, Littlestown, York Springs; **School Districts:** Conewago Valley, Fairfield **Townships:** Conewago, Cumberland, Franklin, Freedom, Germany, Hamiltonban, Highland, Huntington, Mt. Joy, Mt. Pleasant and Straban.

Others present were: Joddie Walker and Jackie Hendricks, Representatives from the Adams County Children's Advocacy Center; Scot Pitzer, Senator Alloway's office representative; Commissioner Elect Randy Phiel.

President Underwood announced that Fairfield and Liberty Township will be advertising their ordinance to join the COG and she is hoping that they will be members in January 2012. Also, she welcomed new members from York Springs and Reading Township. Vice President Gordon welcomed the new representative from Fairfield School District, Caroline Dean.

MEETING MINUTES: A MOTION WAS MADE BY GORMONT (MT. JOY TOWNSHIP) AND SECONDED BY STEINHOOR (HIGHLAND TOWNSHIP) TO ADOPT THE NOVEMBER 17, 2011 MINUTES. MINUTES ACCEPTED AS READ, BY PRESIDENT UNDERWOOD.

TREASURERS REPORT: The Treasurer, Lori Duncan, read the November and December 2011 reports which showed the ending balance as of 12/15/11 of \$3,515.94.

TREASURER REPORT: A MOTION WAS MADE BY GORMONT (MT. JOY TOWNSHIP) AND SECONDED BY WHITTAKER (CONEWAGO TOWNSHIP) TO APPROVE THE TREASURER REPORTS FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER, AS PRESENTED. REPORT ACCEPTED AS READ, BY PRESIDENT UNDERWOOD.

OLD BUSINESS: EMS Committee: Hamm (STRABAN TOWNSHIP) will present a report under New Business.

Legislative Committee: Vice President Gordon reported that nothing has moved in the House of Representatives on the Prevailing Wage Act and confirmed the same with Scot Pitzer, Senator Alloway's representative. Pitzer agreed. Further, Gordon reported that the Senate is working on Marcellus Shale legislation and the House is working on Charter Schools.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nominating Committee: President Underwood read the present slate of nominated officers for 2012 since the Chair of the Nominating Committee was not present. They are: Robert Gordon (HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP), President; Sharon Hamm (STRABAN TOWNSHIP), Vice President; Sandra Vazquez (BIGLERVILLE BOROUGH), Secretary; Caroline Dean (FAIRFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT). Treasurer. President Underwood asked if there were any other names to be nominated. None.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY GORMOUNT (MT. JOY TOWNSHIP) AND SECONDED BY WHEELER (LITTLESTOWN) TO APPROVE THE ELECTION OF THE OFFICERS THAT WAS READ. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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President Underwood deeply thanked the many who assisted in the start up of the Adams County COG. Some of those people were (in no particular order): Judy Chamber, Penn State Extension; George Weikert, Adams County Commissioners; Bob Thomas, Franklin County COG. Others were municipal leaders such as: Bob Gordon, Colleen Reamer, Bill Chantelau and others,

Finance Committee: Chairperson Sharon Hamm (STRABAN TOWNSHIP) presented the proposed 2012 COG Budget from the committee. The committee reviewed the expenses for 2011 to make the decisions on this budget. Future expenses may include a Post Office Box for the COG.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY GORMOUNT (MT. JOY TOWNSHIP) AND SECONDED BY FRIDENALDS (HUNTINGTON TOWNSHIP) TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED 2012 BUDGET. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Emergency Services Committee: Chairperson Sharon Hamm (STRABAN TOWNSHIP) reported to the COG members that a time line has been established to have the survey completed regarding Adams County Emergency Services. The first step is to apply for a DCED Municipal Assistance Grant (MAP) and complete a Request for Quote (RFQ) in order to get quotes from contractors who would perform this survey for the COG and ACVESA. Discussion on the RFQ and the information provided to the contractors.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY HAMM (STRABAN TOWNSHIP) AND SECONDED BY WHEELER (LITTLESTOWN BOROUGH) TO HAVE THE ADAMS COUNTY COG REQUEST A MUNICIPAL ASSISTANCE GRANT (MAP) FROM DCED FOR UP TO THE MAXIMUM OF \$50,000 TO ASSIST WITH THE STUDY. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SPEAKER: President Underwood turned the meeting over to Joddie Walker, Adams County Child Advocacy Center Director. Walker presented information to the COG on who her agency was and what services they provide to Adams County. The CAC may be contacted at www.kidsagaincac.org or 337-9888.

OPEN DISCUSSION: Rob Thaeler, from Adams County Planning Office was present to discuss a well drilling ordinance project that is underway with his office and Adams County Conservation office. He reported that they were looking for input from municipalities and have already involved local well drilling companies for specs on the ordinance. Anyone interested may contact him or Adam McClain.

Boroughs Association: Wheeler (LITTLESTOWN BOROUGH) reported that the next meeting is on January 16 at 6:15 p.m. at the Pike Restaurant. All are welcome not just the boroughs. Also, he reported that the next TCC meeting will be held on January 4 at 7pm at the EMS Center. They plan on holding six meetings for 2012. He asked for all to send him their information on Representatives and alternates from their municipalities and schools so he can have a complete list.

Township Association: President Colleen Reamer (HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP) reported the Annual Conference is to be held on November 14, 2012 with the speaker and location yet to be determined. She

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announced that they would like to have some volunteers for Chairs and members of various committees, please contact her if anyone has any interest.

President Underwood announced the ACTPO meeting is going to be held on January 25, 2012.

Legislators: Scot Pitzer, Senator Alloway's representative, reported that he had no update on the Prevailing Wage laws and it is still in the House. The Senate is working on Marcellus Shale and the House is working on School Vouchers. Pitzer provided the current Redistricting information which would give Adams County three different Senators. This map has a 30 day appeal period before it confirmed with the state.

Vice President Gordon announced that the newsletter for PACOG was emailed to the members and they plan to hold their conference in September in Gettysburg. The Adams County COG members could consider volunteering for this event.

Sharon Hamm (STRABAN TOWNSHIP) thanked President Underwood for getting the Adams County COG up and running and an excellent job in leading the COG these past two years. The membership concurred with applause for the outgoing President. President Underwood thanked the group and said she was confident that the COG would keep growing and building on what has been started and that we need to be responsive to the needs and with the redistricting news that we have even more reason to keep working together.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 9:56 A.M.

Next meeting – 1/26/12 at 8:30 am at Adams County Emergency Management Building, 230 Greenmyer Lane, Gettysburg.

Signed,

Sandra L. Vazquez
Secretary