



Adam County Council of Government

Meeting Minutes October 24, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Dave Arndt called the meeting to order at 8:30 am

Members Present: Abbottstown, Biglerville, Fairfield, Gettysburg, Butler, Conewago, Cumberland, Hamilton, Hamiltonban, Oxford, Straban, Bermudian Springs Schools, Conewago Valley Schools, Gettysburg Schools and County of Adams.

Others Present: Chris Kimple (Rep. Dan Moul), Rep. Dan Moul, Andrew Merkel (ACOPD) & Sherri Clayton Williams (ACOPD)

On a motion made by Bolton, Abbottstown, 2nd by Mauser, Straban, the minutes from the September 2019 meeting are approved. Motion carried.

On a motion made by Gordon, Hamiltonban, 2nd by Mauser, Straban, the Treasurer's Report is approved. Motion carried.

Business:

ACOPD: Andy mentioned December 4, 2019 Archives Management training will be held at the Ag Center, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. At this training they will also be discussing the new requirement for filing plans. The plans will need to be filed electronically. Implementation is scheduled for January.

ACAB: Next meeting is November 18 and they will be presenting the Ron Harris award.

Township Association: Bob Gordon mentioned the Annual Meeting will be held on November 13 at SAVES.

Collaboration Committee: Working on Training. Ron Harris sent an email to all municipalities, please respond with comments.

Legislative Committee: Anne Geiger may be a potential new member. November there will be 3 resolutions to vote on.

Scotty Bolton is working with the PSAB on Training. There will be a training in Adams County for newly elected officers. This training will touch on Borough and Townships. There will be a discount for Township Officers who would like to attend.

Bob Gordon mentioned a brochure put out by AEE. "Spark Your Career Ideas" regarding Tech Prep opportunities in the County.

ATCC: Will be needing a meeting before the end of the year to adopt a Budget.

YATB: Brad Hunt mention they are adopting the 2020 Budget and looking at recommendations to change Banks.

“Providing a forum by which governmental entities of Adams County may meet to discuss issues of mutual interest, and to coordinate joint activities between members”

Rep. Dan Moul: Mentioned Emergency Services Week. Problems with the lack of volunteer emergency services throughout the state. Proposal of 3 bills: Tax Credits for existing unpaid emergency responders, Adding PTSD to Insurance and Workers Comp and Tuition Relief for those who want to go to a credited school who participate as a volunteer firefighter answering 30% of the calls for 9 years (during 4 years of school and 5 years after). What will this cost PA? They need to have a fiscal note added. These bills are now in the Senate and need a little more work. The Governor wants to join a compact with other States. Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative: All energy producing fossil fuel companies would pay a fee or tax on every ton of carbon they emit. This money would then be reinvested in alternative energy. Dan is not in agreement. Dan also talked about developments and the impact on the schools. Feels that schools should be more involved in the planning.

Marty Qually: Mercy House project has received 850,000 in donations raised for the project. November 6, the Commissioners will approve HVAC, Electrical and Plumbing. There will be change orders made after approval. Rebidding for General Contractors. They anticipate no tax increase for the 2020 County Budget.

Bob Gordon missed Marty Qually when he reported on the Collaboration Committee.

Russ Greenholt: In response to Mr. Moul's comments on the Schools and developments, Hamilton did include the school in on the process of the new building proposals.

Scotty Bolton: Commented on Community Media. Thanked Dr. Greenholt and Upper Adams for their support. Chris Kimple asked questions about Tri County Electric research and Wi-Fi. Bolton mentioned they have received two grants with three more to come. This would help expand Wi-Fi to certain areas. Mauser asked about a coverage map.

With no further business a motion to adjourn the regular business meeting and begin tour at 9:13 a.m. was made by Bolton, Abbottstown 2nd by Mauser, Straban. Motion carried.

Speakers:

Dr. Greenholt, New Oxford High School Superintendent: Tour of the New Oxford Tech Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle Helwig, Butler Township

Secretary