

President Barbara Underwood called the April 28, 2011 Adams County COG meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

The following members were present: **Boroughs:** Abbottstown, Biglerville, Carroll Valley, East Berlin; **School Districts:** Gettysburg **Townships:** Conewago, Cumberland, Freedom, Germany, Hamilton, Hamiltonban, Highland, Huntington, Mt. Pleasant, Oxford, and Straban. **County:** Adams County.

Others present were: State Senator Richard Alloway and Skip Strayer, 33rd District State Senator and his staff member; Representative Will Tallman and Danae Dominguez, 193rd District House of Representative and his staff member; Dan Moul; 91st District House of Representatives; Judy Chambers, Penn State Extension Office; Joan Warner and Joseph Warner; Associated Builders and Contractor, Cumberland Valley Region; Mark Walters, Gettysburg Times Reporter.

PRIOR MEETING MINUTES: A MOTION WAS MADE BY KELLETT (FREEDOM TOWNSHIP) AND SECONDED BY HARRIS (CARROLL VALLEY TOWNSHIP) TO APPROVE THE MARCH 24, 2011 MINUTES. MINUTES ACCEPTED AS READ BY PRESIDENT UNDERWOOD.

TREASURERS REPORT: President Underwood read the Treasurer report which showed a balance of \$5,036.20. She reported that all have paid their dues for the year including the newest member of Conewago Township.

OLD BUSINESS: Emergency Services Committee and The Citizen Planners Roundtable were tabled.

NEW BUSINESS: Judy Chambers, Penn State Extension, reported that the UCC Committee has drafted a survey for all municipalities that want to participate and they may file by email. Therefore, there is no cost to the COG members until the interest is shown to move forward on this project. Fridenvalds (Huntington Township) suggested that the municipality may not be interested in the cost as much as the actual process. Chambers (PENN STATE) will put that information on the cover letter when the email is sent. More to follow...

OPEN DISCUSSION: 1. Adams County: Commissioner George Weikert reported that the county will be holding a Conditional Use hearing for Highland Township and he suggested that the outstanding municipalities that do not have their own zoning should take the actions to get it so they can make their own decisions within each municipality. Secondly, he recommended that the municipalities support their fire companies in a unified way. Lastly, he reported that the county will be studying the radio system since they have been mandated to make an upgrade to it. 2. Adams County Boroughs Association: Mayor Ron Harris (CARROLL VALLEY BOROUGH) reported that the next meeting is May 16, 2011 at 6:15 p.m. at the Pike's Restaurant with their speaker, Al Timko, YATB Director. 3. Township Supervisors Association: Nothing to report at this meeting. 4. School Districts: Brad Hunt (GETTYSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT) reported that they are working on reducing costs and balancing budgets. 5. EXTENSION COMMUNITY EDUCATOR, Judy Chambers reported on the Adams County Economic Partnership is looking on broadband issues in the county. She gave a thank you to those who have continued to support Penn State Extension in the county.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE: Robert Gordon (HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP) introduced Joan Warner (PRESIDENT of CUMBERLAND VALLEY REGION OF ASSOCIATED BUILDERS AND CONTRACTORS). She discussed Prevailing Wage which increases the cost of public projects by 25% to 30% (average) and explained that this wage is determined by collecting bargaining agreements. President Underwood suggested to Warner that they introduce a public education component to their work so the communities have the information, also.

The Legislative Committee continued by welcoming Senator Alloway, Representative Moul and Tallman to the COG members and guests. Each legislator was given time to discuss the various topics provided to them by the COG Legislative Committee. Alloway and Moul gave details to the COG members on the procedures in the Capital on both sides of the isle. Tallman discussed the Prevailing Wage and introduction of new bid limits. Moul continued to explain his newly drafted law on Pillow Tax that would increase the percentage for Adams County. Alloway explained that he was in favor of taxing Marcellus Shale excavation. Lastly, Tallman explained that ACTV is in need of more support from municipalities so that they can receive more funds from COMCAST and receive a better position in the channels. Further, discussion by the COG members and the legislative members on various questions.

Vice President Gordon turned the meeting over to President Underwood.

Underwood thanked the legislators and Joan Warner for their attendance at our meeting.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY THOMAS (CUMBERLAND TOWNSHIP) AND SECONDED BY WHEELER (LITTLESTOWN BOROUGH) TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 10:03 a.m. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Next meeting – 5/26/11 at 8:30 am at Adams County Emergency Management Building, 230 Greenamyre Lane, Gettysburg, Our speaker will be Albert Penksa, Adams County Manager, who will discuss the upgrade of Adams County from the 6th class to the 5th class.

UPCOMING GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENT: ALL CELLS SHOULD BE TURNED OFF OR PLACED ON VIBRATE SO TO NOT DISTURB THE MEETING. THANK YOU.

Signed,

Sandra L. Vazquez
Secretary