

President Barbara Underwood called the March 24, 2011 Adams County COG meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

The following members were present: **Boroughs:** Abbottstown, Arendtsville, Biglerville, Carroll Valley, East Berlin ; **School Districts:** Littlestown **Townships:** Conewago, Cumberland, Franklin, Freedom, Germany, Hamilton, Hamiltonban, Highland, Huntington, Menallen, Mt. Joy, Mt. Pleasant, Oxford, Straban, Tyrone.

Others present were: Skip Strayer; Spokesperson for 33<sup>rd</sup> District State Senator Richard Alloway, Jordan Gouker; Spokesperson for 193<sup>rd</sup> District House of Representative Will Tallman; Mark Walters; Gettysburg Times Reporter, Judy Chambers, Penn State Extension Office; Rob Thaeler, Adams County Planning Office representative, Emily Knowles Kellet, Drug Take Back representative.

**PRIOR MEETING MINUTES: A MOTION WAS MADE BY MCMASTER (OXFORD TOWNSHIP) AND SECONDED BY HAMM (STRABAN TOWNSHIP) TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 24, 2011 MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**TREASURERS REPORT:** President Underwood read the Treasurer Report showed a balance of \$4,736.20. She reported that we have currently 30 members and all have paid their dues for the year.

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT:** Gordon (Hamiltonban Township) provided a report to all members on the committee's 2011 Legislative Priorities. PRIMARY PRIORITIES: 1) Prevailing Wage a) Repeal or b) Amend that any projects under \$250,000 in cost be considered. Maintenance and over \$250,000 be considered new construction. 2) Bid Limits a) Amend \$4,000 to \$7,000 b) Amend \$10,000 to \$25,000. 3) Pillow Tax a) under current law, Adams County may charge up to 3% and we do. 75% to Visitors Bureau and 25% to County b) Rep Moul's bill would amend to permit Adams County to charge up to 5%. We support this amendment. SECONDARY PRIORITIES: 1) Amusement Tax – support reinstatement of this tax for ski resorts 2) 1% County Optional Sales Tax – support this legislation 3) State Police – oppose legislation to require local municipalities to pay for State Police coverage.

Gordon reminded the COG members that Senator Alloway, Representative Moul and Tallman will be at the next COG meeting to address these issues. Also, Joan Warner, President of Associated Builders & Contractors, Cumberland Valley Chapter has been invited to attend this meeting.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY GORDON (HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP) AND SECONDED BY HANNE (ARENDSVILLE BOROUGH) TO APPROVE THESE ITEMS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

President Underwood thanked the committee for their hard work and noted that more discussion on these items will be held at the next meeting. Vice President Gordon noted that participation in any COG projects is optional and no one has to be included in any item.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Hamm (Straban Township) reported that the Emergency Services Committee is still working on the project.

Chambers (PENN STATE) gave a report on the Citizens Planners Roundtable. She suggested that breakfast meetings be held and that this be supported by COG, as a subcommittee and a few COG members to volunteer to be a part of the project. The Adams County Planning office has been invited to attend these meetings

**OLD BUSINESS (continued):** Discussion on the name of the group. Kellet (FREEDOM TOWNSHIP) and Hanne (ARENDSVILLE BOROUGH) volunteer to join the project. Chambers (PENN STATE) will get back to the COG on more information and discussion.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY KELLET (FREEDOM TOWNSHIP) AND SECONDED BY HANNE (ARENDSVILLE BOROUGH) TO ADOPT THE CITIZENS ROUND TABLE AND APPOINT MEMBERS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Kellet (FREEDOM TOWNSHIP) announced that the Code Enforcement committee met on this date and will be sending out surveys to municipalities to see what interest there is on this topic. They will send it out to all municipalities (not just COG members).

**NEW BUSINESS:** Emily Knowles Kellet, from Collaborating for Youth, was present to request that COG members distribute information on their "Take Back Adams County" program which safely disposes of unused or expired prescriptions and over-the-counter medications at 6 locations around the county. Their contact information is [drugfree@cfygettysburg.com](mailto:drugfree@cfygettysburg.com)

President Underwood asked the COG members how many make donations to the SPCA by the contract amount vs. those who donate any funds to the SPCA. Discussion on SPCA services.

**REPORTS/DISCUSSION:**

Public Works Committee: Tom Shealer (CUMBERLAND TOWNSHIP) reported that a brief meeting was held to discuss ideas. Discussion on computer skills for those in the Roadmaster program. Harris (CARROLL VALLEY BOROUGH) suggested that he would assist this effort and recommend using the HACC facilities.

Website: Dave Hazlett (CARROLL VALLEY BOROUGH) announced that the COG website is now linked with the Adams County website. The joint purchasing of signs was delayed until after this meeting to clarify the ordering of the signs. All orders can be given over the website and the final date is 4/4/11. President Underwood explained that using one drop site may save some costs for the members. Further, Hazlett (CARROLL VALLEY BOROUGH) suggested that road spraying may be another option for the members to quote together. Anyone interested should contact him through the [www.accog.us](http://www.accog.us) website.

**OPEN DISCUSSION\_ 1. Township Supervisors Association:** Egger (HAMILTON TOWNSHIP) reported that the Spring Conference will be held on April 27, 2011 at the Emergency Services Building at 2pm and 7pm. Also, the Fall Conference will be held on November 9, 2011 at Buchanan Valley Fire Hall with doors opening at 5:30 p.m. (can meet with vendors). She asked if anyone was attending the PSATS Conference to let her know so they can be a voting delegate for the county 2. President Underwood read an email sent by Brad Hunt (GETTYSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT) that reported to the COG that school districts are processing budget issues at this time. 3. EXTENSION COMMUNITY EDUCATOR, Judy Chambers reported on training workshops being provided through their office; i.e, How to Run in municipalities and How to talk about difficult issues. She would like to see the COG host these types of workshops and will discuss this further. 4. Jordan Gouker (REPRESENTATIVE WILL TALLMAN'S OFFICE) reported that the representative will be holding local breakfast meetings in the next few months and will attend the next COG meeting. The redistricting questions were asked and Gouker suggested that they may know something by June.

**OPEN DISCUSSION (CONTINUED):** Skip Strayer (SENATOR ALLOWAYS OFFICE) reported that Census numbers are available and population may change so congressional lines may be realigned. The budget conversations include questions on pillow tax and if Adams County is certified as a 5<sup>th</sup> Class County by the court. Raub (TYRONE TOWNSHIP) announced that PSATS has census information on line and Hazlett (CARROLL VALLEY BOROUGH) will make the same available on our website.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY MCMASTER (OXFORD TOWNSHIP) TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:48 a.m.**

**Next meeting – 4/28/11 at 8:30 am at Adams County Emergency Management Building, 230 Greenamyre Lane, Gettysburg.**

Signed,

Sandra L. Vazquez  
Secretary