

President Bob Gordon called the February 23, 2012 Adams County COG meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

The following members were present: **Boroughs:** Abbottstown, Arendtsville, Biglerville, Carroll Valley, East Berlin, Fairfield, Gettysburg, Littlestown, York Springs; **School Districts:** Fairfield, Bermudian Springs **Townships:** Conewago, Franklin, Germany, Hamilton, Hamiltonban, Highland, Huntington, Liberty, Menallen, Mt. Joy, Mt. Pleasant, Oxford, Straban and Tyrone. **County:** Adams County

Others present were: Russell Ryan, Adams County Conservation District; Nick Colonna, Adams County Planning and Development Office.; Dave Martin, ACVESA; Bob Fitez, Fairfield Fire Dept.

Legislative Guests: Adams County Commissioners: Jim Martin, Marty Qually and Randy Phiel.

**MEETING MINUTES: A MOTION WAS MADE BY FRIDENVALDS (HUNTINGTON TOWNSHIP) AND SECONDED BY PREHN (ARENDSVILLE BOROUGH) TO ADOPT THE JANUARY 26, 2012 MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**TREASURERS REPORT:** The Treasurer, Caroline Dean (FAIRFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT), read the report with a balance of \$3,515.94. President Gordon stated that the report is approved, as reported.

**SPEAKERS:** President Gordon called on our speakers: Rusty Ryan from the Adams County Conservation District and Nick Colonna, Adams County Planning and Development Office. Ryan spoke to the group about the ACT 167, Storm Water Management plan, which was adopted by Adams County recently. Ryan announced the upcoming meetings to discuss the plan which is being held on March 14th and 28<sup>th</sup> at the following times for each date: 1pm to 3pm and 6pm to 8pm at the Ag Center. More information on this plan is provided on the Adams County website at <http://www.adamscounty.us>. Ryan informed the group to keep any bills that resulted from enactment of the local ordinance in case the state can reimburse the municipalities for the cost of the ordinance, at a later time.

Nick Colonna, Adams County Planning and Development Office, spoke on the County Comprehensive Plan that they are working on since the last update was from 20 years ago. This includes an economic development plan, also. They plan to send out surveys to municipalities. Also, they will send them to the commercial and residential property owners in order to queue them on the needs of the county. A steering committee will be established and the whole process may take the planning office 24 months to complete.

**OLD BUSINESS:** President Gordon asked Sharon Hamm (STRABAN TOWNSHIP) to update the members on the Emergency Services committee. Hamm (STRABAN TOWNSHIP) thanked the Adams County Commissioners on passing their support of the DCED MAP Grant with their Resolution #2-2012. The committee is waiting on DCED to review the grant application and ACVESA to finalize their approval of the same.

President Gordon announced the slate of topics that the Legislative Committee has been the following: Prevailing Wage legislation (in the House of Representatives) and Pillow Tax. Gordon asked for those interested to send a letter of support regarding the Prevailing Wage, as PSATS and the school board organization requested. Gordon asked for those who have suggestions on the 2012 priorities to contact him. The Franklin County forum has not set their date on this subject due to the map districts not being set up yet.

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Gordon had contact with the Western Cumberland County COG and they are in agreement to come to our meeting and make a presentation, possible for May 24<sup>th</sup> meeting. Their website is [www.wccog.us](http://www.wccog.us).

**NEW BUSINESS:** President Gordon asked the COG Membership to consider serving on the previously discussed planning committee to work alongside of Nick Colonna, Adams County Planning and Development Office. The following volunteered: Ron Harris, Carroll Valley Borough; Emma Seibert, Tyrone Township; Sandy Spence, Franklin Township; Sharon Hamm, Straban Township; Gus Fridenvalds, Huntington Township; Mario Iocca, Oxford Township.

President Gordon asked Mayor Ron Harris (CARROLL VALLEY BOROUGH) to address the questions on the letter that some municipalities received from COMCAST. Harris explained that he could do that at the next meeting. This item was tabled until that time.

**OPEN DISCUSSION:** Adams County Commissioners Phiel, Martin and Qually addressed the members and guests. Phiel reported on the format and venue of the commissioners meetings. He reported on the upgrade of the Radio System for Adams County which he expects to take about two years to complete. Qually reported on the Radio System expense and the continuous cooperation of the commissioners and their continued interest in the COG. Qually has asked President Gordon and Vice President Hamm to speak on the morning radio talk show hosted by Fred Snyder on WGET.

**Boroughs Association:** Harris (CARROLL VALLEY BOROUGH) reported that the next meeting is on March 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 p.m. at The Pike's Restaurant and Representative Dan Moul will be the speaker. Also, the PSAB Annual Conference will be held on April 29 to May 2 at Seven Springs.

**Township Association:** President Colleen Reamer (HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP) announced the Flagger's Training that they are holding is on April 11th for COG members and Townships and the only openings are for the evening session. The Township Association newsletter has been released and their convention will be held on May 30th. The Secretary Luncheon is going to be held in June. Also, the Fall Conference is November 14 at the Bendersville Fire Hall for the Township Association. The PSATS Conference is being held on May 6, 7, and 8.

**Schools:** Tom Dick (BERMUDIAN SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT) reported that the next TCC meeting will be held on March 7 at the EMS building at 7pm. Further, he stated that Governor Corbett's education budget will be discussed at their next business manager's meeting along with Homestead Assessment qualifications. President Gordon announced that Dick is the President of the YATB and TCC. Wheeler (LITTLESTOWN BOROUGH) announced that YATB's Director will hold an informational meeting at Rosie's Restaurant in New Oxford on 2/27/12.

**Penn State:** Judy Chambers (PENN STATE) was absent but asked for her course to be announced on March 21, 2012 from 6pm to 9pm at the AG Center on How to deal with difficult issues.

**Legislators:** None were present.

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President Gordon asked for more volunteers for the various committees such as the Joint Purchasing Committee and Public Works Committee. He suggested that committees meet immediately following this meeting to coordinate themselves.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY HARRIS (CARROLL VALLEY BOROUGH) AND SECONDED BY WHEELER (LITTLESTOWN BOROUGH) TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 9:50 A.M.**

***Next meeting – 3/22/12 at 8:30 am at Adams County Emergency Management Building, 230 Greenmyer Lane, Gettysburg.***

Signed,

Sandra L. Vazquez  
Secretary