

President Bob Gordon called the July 25, 2013 Adams County COG meeting to order at 8:32 a.m. and introduced the guests.

The following members were present: **Boroughs:** Arendtsville, Biglerville, Carroll Valley, East Berlin, Fairfield, Gettysburg and York Springs. **School Districts:** Gettysburg **Townships:** Conewago, Cumberland, Franklin, Germany, Hamiltonban, Huntington, Liberty, Mt. Pleasant, Oxford, Reading, Straban and Tyrone, **Adams County.**

Others present were: Stan Wannop; New Oxford Borough (non-member); Mark Walters, The Evening Sun; Judy Chambers, Penn State Extension; Representative Dan Moul and his staff person Chris Kimple, Larry Martick, Adams County Conservation District; Lisa Angstadt and Andy Merkel, Adams County Planning and Development; Al Timko, K.C. McCleary and Jennifer Diamond, YATB.

**MEETING MINUTES: A MOTION WAS MADE BY FRIDENVALDS (HUNTINGTON TOWNSHIP) AND SECONDED BY BUTTERFIELD (GETTYSBURG) TO ADOPT THE JUNE 27, 2013 MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Emma Seibert presented the May Treasurer's report which showed the balance of \$7,226.99 and there was no activity for this month. President Gordon reported he received the liability insurance invoice and that it will be filed and paid in a few weeks.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (AGENDA):** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Lisa Angstadt from Adams County Planning and Development announced the Pictometry Connect training that their office is providing for the new software on August 6 and 7. An email was sent to the municipalities for anyone interested to sign up for the training. Further, she stated that this does not replace the GIS information on the county's website.

Rusty Ryan from Adams County Conservation District (ACCD) was present to request feedback from the Municipalities that have adopted new storm water ordinances relative to ACT 167. A survey will be sent out to the local governments to try to make improvements to the ordinance. Land and Sea Services LLC is holding a workshop for contractors regarding this subject at the Heidlersburg Fire Company in September and another workshop will be held on November 15 by the Adams County Conservation District. Ryan asked for any municipalities that wish to give the district a copy of their applications may send them to him. The state has made some new changes through their ACT 68 and 16 (storm water authorities and ability to borrow money for storm water through PennVest). Discussion continued on Use and Occupancy permits relative to storm water requirements.

Al Timko from YATB was introduced by President Gordon. Timko introduced Jennifer Diamond and K.C. McCleary from his organization. Timko reviewed the YATB's collection of delinquent taxes procedures and the other taxes that they collect. He provided an opportunity to municipalities to have YATB review the other tax collectors exoneration lists, as long as no action from the boards have been made to official exonerate individuals. Upcoming meetings are as follows: YATB Board of Directors meeting is July 29, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. at the Adams County EMS Center and the Joint meeting of the YATB will follow at 6:30 p.m. at the same location. Contact with Timko may be made at [alt@yatb.com](mailto:alt@yatb.com) or their web site is [www.yatb.com](http://www.yatb.com).

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Adams County Collaboration – Hamm (STRABAN) announced the county's new web site is up and running. The committee met with Steve Scherm and Loretta Weaver regarding the web site and discussed the costs for the municipalities to join it. Hamm suggested that the COG consider collaborating with the county to create a more user friendly website for the user and the person updating the site. She will get the costs and report back to the members at the next COG meeting.
- Adams County Connected – Barb Underwood (CUMBERLAND TOWNSHIP) announced the EXPO at HACC for the purpose of displaying "Best Practices" for sharing of information among municipalities. The committee will be meeting immediately following this meeting. Seibert (TYRONE TOWNSHIP) made a recommendation that the COG support the EXPO by providing money for refreshments.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY FRIDENVALDS (HUNTINGTON TOWNSHIP) AND SECONDED BY UNDERWOOD (CUMBERLAND TOWNSHIP) TO SUPPORT THE EXPO FOR THE COSTS OF REFRESHMENTS UP TO \$100. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- Legislative – Bob Gordon (HAMILTONBAN) reported that the committee did not meet in July. Representative Moul provided information on the following items: (1) Itemized budget line items are available through his office including the information on increase to State Police funding. **E-mail: [dmoul@pahousegop.com](mailto:dmoul@pahousegop.com)** (2) Natural Gas exhibition in Southwest PA. (3) Transportation funding (4) Prevailing wage reform (opt-in or opt-out) (5) Pensions (6) Private liquor sales (7) Lottery sale to contract administration out to private firms (8) Armory Transfer to National Park Service (9) Senate bill 813 – competitive roofing bill (10) Small games of chance – H.B. 169.
- Public Works – Emma Seibert (TYRONE) reported that they will be meeting but have no activity to report this month.
- Emergency Services – Sharon Hamm (STRABAN) reported that they are moving forward with their work on the accountability procedure for the funds distributed to the fire departments and they had nothing to report at this time.
- Joint Purchasing – Gus Fridenvalds (HUNTINGTON) announced that this committee is looking at what others are doing in this regard. A meeting was held with the County Commissioners and discussion on CEPC. They are discussing the county sharing information on IT services and H.R. Services. He will report back to the members on this and thanked the county for their willingness to share with the COG.

**OPEN DISCUSSION**

- WRAC – Bill Hanne (ARENDSVILLE) announced their meeting on October 22. President Gordon explained that Adam McClain from Adams County Conservation will be coming back to the COG to give more information on the model well ordinance.
- Adams County Commissioners – Jim Martin reported on the following items: (1) Commissioners Forum at SAVES on June 25. More forums to come. (2) Emergency Mock exercise at the courthouse to be held on August 2 at 3:30 p.m. An alternate site will be set up for anyone trying to drop off documents during this exercise. (3) County budget meetings start in August (4) South Mt. Fair starts August 20 – with special attention given to the 4H auction event.

- Adams County Commissioners (continued): Marty Qually reported that a lightning strike shut down the 911 center and within minutes it was back up at the alternate site with off duty employees showing up to be sure all was working correctly. The county is looking at the 911 Center grounding plans. Qually reiterated the county's willingness to share their training with schools and municipalities.
- Penn State Extension – Nothing to report.
- Boroughs Association – Nothing to report
- Township Officials Association – Colleen Reamer announced their Secretary's luncheon which is to be held on August 2 at Noon till 2:30 p.m. at the EMS building. This is an open forum and they ask for all coming to sign up for this event. On October 9, they will hold CDL Training which is mandatory at the EMS building and is open to all schools and municipalities that are COG members.
- Adams County Conservation - Larry Martick reiterated the Adams County Conservation meeting for storm water concerns is to be held on Friday, November 15, 2013 at Hampton Fire Company.
- School Districts – Brad Hunt reported on the Middle School construction and thanked the county for sharing information.
- ACTCC – Ron Harris recapped the upcoming meeting dates and times. The Joint ACTCC & YCTCC meeting is July 29, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. at the ACEMS Center. The ACTCC needs 21 members for a quorum so that the ACTCC can participate in the YATB meeting that follows. This is a very important meeting and asked all to attend.
- Adams County Planning and Development office (ACPDO) announced that the surveys for Adams County Economic Development Planning have gone well and additional surveys are being sent out. ACPDO has been working with DCED and the PSATS to bring training to our county and discussions on web training.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- Emma Seibert (TYRONE TOWNSHIP) thanked Judy Chambers from the Penn State Extension office for giving assistance to their township at a recent meeting. Their services are available to other municipalities. President Gordon thanked New Oxford Borough for their attendance and Representative Moul.

**A MOTION WAS MADE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING BY QUALLY (ADAMS COUNTY) AND SECONDED BY IOCCO (OXFORD TOWNSHIP). MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 10:05 A.M.**

***Next meeting – August 22, 2013 at 8:30 am at Adams County Emergency Management Building, 230 Greenmyer Lane, Gettysburg.***

Signed,

Sandra L. Vazquez  
Secretary