

President Bob Gordon called the October 24, 2013 Adams County COG meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

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

Others present were: Scot Pitzer, Staff of Senator Alloway; Jarred Hedes, Gettysburg Times; Rusty Ryan, Adams County Conservation District; Barry Cockley; Berwick Township (Non-member); Judy Chambers, Penn State Extension Office; Nick Colonna, ACOPD. Adams County SPCA representatives: Joan Stremmel, Nancy Yang, Abigail Avery, Mark and Marci Cropp.

MEETING MINUTES: A MOTION WAS MADE BY FRIDENVALDS (HUNTINGTON TWP) AND SECONDED BY PHIEL (ADAMS COUNTY) TO ADOPT THE SEPTEMBER 26, 2013 MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

TREASURERS REPORT: Emma Seibert (TYRONE TOWNSHIP) presented the Treasurer's report which showed the balance of \$5,861.04 as of 10/6/13.

NEW BUSINESS: President Gordon introduced Joan Stremmel from the SPCA who presented their ongoing operations and the current Capital Campaign called "Raise the Woof" for an addition to the current structure. More information can be provided via the email of jstremmel@adamscountyspca.net.

Joint Purchasing was reported on by Gus Fridenvalds (Huntington Twp). He reported that some changes were being made to the packet this year. The items bid on will be line painting and stone (types of stones do not have be described in the bid) since the contractor will allow the bidders to determine their type of stone at the time of purchase. Hamm (Straban Twp) explained the need to simplify the process. The committee plans to have the packets out in January.

Rusty Ryan, from the Adams County Conservation District, announced the November 15, 2013 Storm water workshop and requested any RSVPs be sent to their office by November 8th. This workshop is being held at the Ag Center for consultants and municipalities. More information will be sent out via email.

Judy Chambers, Penn State, announced the Mediation Services non-profit organization for dispute resolution and provided hand-outs for the same.

Nick Colonna, Adams County Planning and Development, announced the GIS Exhibit demonstrations being held on November 20 from 9am to 1pm at the Union Square Building, Lower Level lobby, 19 Baltimore Street, Gettysburg. More information will be sent out via email.

OLD BUSINESS:

Sharon Hamm (STRABAN TWP) reported that AC Collaboration Committee met with security officers from the courthouse and concluded that they will make a presentation to the COG.

- Adams County Connected made a presentation to the Adams County Commissioners at their meeting in York Springs. Further they plan to get feedback from the county for the future course of the committee.

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- President Bob Gordon (HAMILTONBAN TWP) reported on the Legislative Committee. He announced the Senator Policy Committee Hearing being held in Adams County and hosted by Senator Alloway on October 25, 2013 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. The Senate membership includes the EMS Preparedness Committee and Veteran Affairs Committee. Commissioner Randy Phiel has scheduled the testimonies on Fire and Emergency Services and invited everyone to come to witness the process.
- Public Works Committee Chair, Emma Seibert (TYRONE TWP) reported on the Public Works breakfast which was held on October 2 and announced that an email survey on the breakfast will be sent out to the members. Also, Eloise Swales (YORK SPRINGS BOROUGH) resigned from the committee. Seibert asked for volunteers for this committee. The committee is considering some future presentations on local Pesticide Certification and Emergency Planning. The next Public Works breakfast will be held on March 26, 2014 at 8AM at Rosie's Restaurant. More information to follow.
- Emergency Services Funding Committee Chair, Sharon Hamm (STRABAN) announced the email on the fire/ems tax was sent out to the membership.

OPEN DISCUSSION

- Adams County Commissioners - Randy Phiel explained that meetings are being held with the ALS Steering Committee. The Commissioners are meeting with Wellspan, COG and ACVESA. This is in the preliminary stage with more information to follow.

Further, Phiel announced the ground breaking for Gettysburg Station site on this date to ready it for development. He stated that the broadband development is critical for economic development in the county. The anniversary of the Gettysburg Address which is to be held on November 19 has invited President Obama to be the keynote speaker.

Jim Martin announced the November 5, 2013 election day from 7AM to 8PM. Handouts will be provided on voter identification. He reiterated the current transportation bill which is in the House of Representatives includes a Prevailing Wage amendment. He suggested we contact our state representatives on this issue since prevailing wage has a lot of effect on cost of fixing roads and bridges. He announced the Drug Take Back on October 26 at various locations around the county.

Marty Qually reported that the county has applied for a line of credit vs. using bonds. The reason is due to the lower interest rates available at this time. The county hopes to preserve its bond rating which directly affects municipalities that apply for loans and the interest rate they receive. He suggested municipalities consider the same.

- Judy Chamber, PENN STATE, announced that Newly Elected Officials training will be presented in Gettysburg by PSAB in January 2014.

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- Boroughs Association – Ron Harris (CARROLL VALLEY BOROUGH) announced their next meeting is November 18, 2013 at 6:15 p.m. at the Pike Restaurant. The speaker is Barry Cockley on Affordable Healthcare. Their website is www.acbassociation.org
- YATB meeting was announced by Ron Harris (CARROLL VALLEY BOROUGH) to be held on October 28, 2013 in York. Also, he asked to announce “Celebrate My Drive” which is a State Farm grant that schools can obtain by getting enough votes. He asked for all to visit this site in order to support the local schools to receive grant funds.
- Township Officials Association – Colleen Reamer (HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP) announced their Convention date is November 13, 2013 at Hampton Fire Hall at 6pm. More information available at www.adamscounty.us Also, she suggested that the ACVESA look at establishing a Junior Fire Academy.
- Scot Pitzer, from Senator Alloway’s office, reiterated the importance of Adams County to come out and attend the Senate hearing. He announced the Senior Fair being held at Lutheran Retirement Home being held on November 15 from 10am to 1pm.

President Gordon announced that he has contacted non-members of the Adams County COG to remind them about being a member of the COG and budgeting for the 2014 membership dues.

A MOTION WAS MADE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING BY FRIDENVALDS (HUNTINGTON TWP) AND SECONDED BY MARTIN (ADAMS COUNTY). MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 9:59 A.M.

Next meeting – November 21, 2013 at 8:30 am at Adams County Emergency Management Building, 230 Greenmyer Lane, Gettysburg.

Signed,

Sandra L. Vazquez
Secretary