

President Sharon Hamm called the August 28, 2014 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, New Oxford and York Springs. **Townships:** Cumberland, Franklin, Hamilton, Hamiltonban, Huntington, Menallen, Mt. Pleasant, Oxford, Straban, and Tyrone. **Schools:** Gettysburg; **Adams County.**

Others present were: Andrew Merkel, ACOPD; John Eline, Adams County Emergency Services Department; Albert Penksa; Adams county Manager; Scot Pitzer, Representative from Senator Alloway's office; Vanessa Pellechio, Gettysburg Times; Dr. Dwight Michael, Guest Speaker for Healthcare4AllPA.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY FRIDENVALDS (HUNTINGTON TOWNSHIP) AND SECONDED BY PREHN (ARENDSVILLE BOROUGH) TO ACCEPT THE JULY 24, 2014 MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

TREASURERS REPORT: Coleen Reamer (HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP) presented the Treasurer's report which showed a balance as of 7/31/14 of \$7,931.74.

NEW BUSINESS: John Butterfield (GETTYSBURG BOROUGH) introduced the newly appointed Borough Manager, Charles Gable to the COG. President Hamm introduced the newly appointed Secretary for Tyrone Township, Stew Graybill. They were welcomed by the COG members.

Bob Gordon (HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP) informed the COG members of the drafted resolution from the Legislative Committee regarding A Resolution Opposing the Expansion of Federal Control under the Clean Waters Act. This resolution, if adopted by the COG, would be sent to our legislative representatives so they know where the COG stands on this bill. Discussion on concerns of the federal government overreaching by using the EPA to modify existing regulations on any waters in the county. The current local jurisdictions are the municipalities and Adams County Conservation District. The draft resolution copy was sent to all members via email and President Hamm asked if everyone had seen this document. No members indicated that they had not seen it.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY GORDON (HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP) AND SECONDED BY MARTIN (ADAMS COUNTY) TO APPROVE THIS RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE EXPANSION OF FEDERAL CONTROL UNDER THE CLEAN WATERS ACT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

President Hamm introduced Dr. Dwight Michael, M.D. from Gettysburg Family Practice. Michael was present representing an organization called Healthcare4AllPA. Their goal is to provide affordable, accessible healthcare for all. Michael gave an overview of the Senate Bill 400 that covers a One Payer System in PA. The website to find out more information on this organization is at Healthcare4AllPA.org or contact him at 717 357 0443.

OLD BUSINESS: President Hamm called on Gus Fridenvalds (HUNTINGTON TOWNSHIP) to discuss the AC Collaboration Committee. Fridenvalds made a request for more volunteers to serve on the committee. This committee is currently working with the county on providing a model of definitions used within each municipalities, especially those derived from the MPC. Anyone interested may contact Gus at huntington@pa.net.

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OLD BUSINESS (CONTINUED): Adams County Connected Committee was reported on by Adams County Commissioner Marty Qually. He reported that the committee is working on having Broadband be considered a utility rather than a luxury item. This type of consideration would be used when subdivision and land development plans are in process within each municipality.

Bob Gordon (HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP) reported on the Legislative Committee. Gordon reported on the legislature calendar and some discussion items that they have before them. They are: Local Police Radar Use bill and Water Well Construction Standards. The next committee meeting will be held on September 17 at 7:30 a.m. at the Gettysburg office of Senator Alloway.

Barb Underwood (CUMBERLAND TOWNSHIP) from the EMS Committee provided a quick verbal survey with the COG membership on what is ALS/BLS and the difference between these services. This survey underlined the need to know more about ALS/ BLS and the importance of our current standing with Wellspan.

John Eline, Adams County Emergency Services, updated the group on the Adams County Radio program. The equipment is being installed on existing towers and new construction will begin by the end of 2014. Their estimated finish date has been extended until summer 2015 due to administrative/legal requirements. Contact John Eline for questions at jeline@adamscounty.us.

Coleen Reamer (HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP) reported on the Adams County Hazard Mitigation Plan. The consultant was present to meet with municipalities on the draft plan. The final draft will be presented at their meeting on 9/2/14 at 6:30 p.m. at the Emergency Services building. This draft will be posted by 9/15/14. The county asked that all municipalities attend the 9/2/14 meeting.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

- Adams County Commissioners:

Commissioner Phiel commented on the COG's importance and thanked Dr. Michael for his presentation. He noted the last day for Nick Colonna, Adams County Planning Director, is this week and the Acting Director is Andrew Merkel. He announced that the position has been advertised and he wanted all municipalities to know that the Planning office continues to provide the same services. Other items discussed were (1) ALS/BLS services for Adams County. Wellspan provided services will no longer be delivered in Adams County in the near future; therefore, it is important to get the EMS plan in place. The next meeting is 9/29/14 at 7pm at the Emergency Services Building. All are welcome and it is important that the fire departments attend. (2) Human Resources Building's feasibility is being reviewed.

Commissioner Jim Martin reiterated that the radio program is underway; but behind schedule. The important issues are being addressed and safety is the most important feature of this program. The Clean Water Act discussions should include that Adams County Conservation District which has the tools to enforce whatever regulations would be necessary to protect the citizens.

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Commissioner Marty Qually reported on the Human Resources Building concept meetings which may reduce the costs of renting and leasing space in the county. Also, the county has revised their rates for hosting the web site for some municipalities in the county.

- Borough's Association/ACTCC: Harris (CARROLL VALLEY BOROUGH) reported that the next ACTCC meeting has been cancelled. The next meeting will be held on 11/5/14 to go over 2015 planning. The borough's association meeting will be held on 9/15/14 at the Pike Restaurant at 6:15 p.m. The speaker will be Mayor Bob Stanley regarding NASA, Past, Present and Future.
- Township Officials Association: Coleen Reamer (HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP) announced that Budget Workshop will be held on 9/30/14 at 1:00 p.m. at the Emergency Services Building. All are welcome including boroughs. The convention will be held on 11/12/14. More information will be sent out to the townships.
- Adams County Planning & Development: Andrew Merkel announced Farm/City Days on 9/20/14 from 10:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m. at Round Hill Farms. Also, preservation work is ongoing regarding the preservation of two farms near Conewago Chapel.
- School Districts: Brad Hunt (GETTYSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT) reported that there will be an open house at the new school on 9/4/14 and the opening of the new stadium will be held on 9/15/14. All are welcome. He gave a visual on the changes on Lefever Street.
- Senator Alloway's Office: Scot Pitzer reported that Barb Mentzler has joined their team and is working in the Gettysburg office until a Hanover office is opened. Alloway's office announced two events: (1) The Janel Baugher Memorial Golf Tournament on 9/13/14 (2) The Family Fun Day on 9/6/14 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm at Shippensburg Fairgrounds. More information is found on their website at www.senatoralloway.com.
- Gordon (HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP) announced he will represent Adams County COG at the PACOG Convention in State College in September.

A MOTION WAS MADE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING BY FRIDENVALDS (HUNTINGTON TOWNSHIP) AND SECONDED BY PREHN (ARENDSVILLE BOROUGH). MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 10:02 A.M.

Next meeting – September 25, 2014 at 8:30 am at Adams County Emergency Management Building, 230 Greenamyre Lane, Gettysburg.

Signed,

Sandra L. Vazquez
Secretary