

President Sharon Hamm called the January 23, 2014 Adams County COG meeting to order at 8:37 a.m.

The following members were present: **Boroughs:** Arendtsville, Biglerville, Carroll Valley, East Berlin, Fairfield, New Oxford and Gettysburg. **Townships:** Conewago, Franklin, Germany, Hamiltonban, Highland, Huntington, Mt. Joy, Mt. Pleasant, Oxford, Straban, and Tyrone. **Schools:** Gettysburg Area School District. **Adams County.**

Others present were: Nick Colonna, ACOPD; Jarrad Hedes, Gettysburg Times; Michael Peter, General Code.

**MEETING MINUTES: A MOTION WAS MADE BY PREHN (ARENDSVILLE BOROUGH) AND SECONDED BY FRIDENVALDS (HUNTINGTON TOWNSHIP) TO ACCEPT THE DECEMBER 19, 2013 MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Coleen Reamer (HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP) presented the Treasurer's report which showed a balance of \$5,453.19. Reamer reported that this is last report from previous treasurer and that the bank transfers are being completed for the new treasurer. The report was filed as read since there were no questions.

**ADAMS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:** Commissioner Marty Qually reported that the Adams County Commissioners will be appointing new members to the Adams County Connected at their next meeting. He would like to get a concurrence from the COG on appointment of Barb Underwood and Paul Bart since they have been very involved in the planning process.

**NEW BUSINESS:** President Hamm introduced Michael Peter from General Code. Peter provided an overview of the codification process and updates on their ecode methods. Peter is available at this email [mpeter@generalcode.com](mailto:mpeter@generalcode.com) for questions.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- President Hamm reported that AC Collaboration Committee will be meeting on an "as needed" basis. Any members with questions on county related item should contact her.
- President Hamm stated that the Adams County Commissioners are appointing new members to the Adams County Connected and she recommended that the COG approve the appointment of Barb Underwood (CUMBERLAND TOWNSHIP) and Paul Bart (READING TOWNSHIP) to the group.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY FRIDENVALDS (HUNTINGTON TOWNSHIP) AND SECONDED BY PREHN (ARENDSVILLE BOROUGH) TO RECOMMEND TO THE COMMISSIONERS THE APPOINTMENT OF BARB UNDERWOOD (CUMBERLAND TOWNSHIP) AND PAUL BART (READING TOWNSHIP) TO THE ADAMS COUNTY CONNECTED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- Bob Gordon (HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP) announced that the next legislative forum will be held on April 24, 2014 for the Adams County COG. The Committee has met and is providing a survey to the members on which priorities to provide to the legislators at that meeting. This survey was given to the membership in attendance and will be emailed out with the final minutes. He asked that this form be returned to Bob Gordon at the February 27, 2014 COG meeting or emailed to

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- [Robertlg@centurylink.net](mailto:Robertlg@centurylink.net) or regular mail to PO Box 526, Fairfield, PA 17320. The priorities will be established by the committee and based on the input will be voted on by the COG membership at the March 27, 2014 COG meeting. Secondly, Gordon announced that Flagger Training brochures were being sent to the membership for anyone interested.
- President Hamm announced that the Public Works Committee is in need of volunteers and leadership. There was no report for this meeting.
- President Hamm reported on the Emergency Services Committee. The committee is following up with the county on the list of municipalities that have installed a fire tax. This tax is being listed on the municipal tax bills as a separate line item.
- Robin Crushong (STRABAN TOWNSHIP) reported that the Joint Purchasing packets have been sent out to the membership in January. The committee will be getting joint bids on line painting antiskid and stones. The packet may be sent from Straban Township at [accog@strabantownship.com](mailto:accog@strabantownship.com) or to the secretary at [biglerville@comcast.net](mailto:biglerville@comcast.net) before February 4, 2014. The legal advertisement will be published in Gettysburg Times and the bids will be opened on March 27, 2014 at 8:45 a.m.

### OPEN DISCUSSION

- Adams County Commissioners – Randy Phiel reported on the following items: (1) the commissioners are holding their 9<sup>th</sup> forum at the Brethren Home on January 30, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. and will be reviewing the state of the county. This will be televised on Adams County TV. (2) The ALS meetings are being held to assist in bringing this issue to an amicable resolution. (3) The 150<sup>th</sup> state funds will be forthcoming and he gave thanks to the legislators for their assistance in this matter. (4) Freedom Transit discussion on their continuance in the county and future funding.
- Borough's Association (continued): Harris (CARROLL VALLEY BOROUGH) thanked Bob Gordon for his leadership while serving as President of the COG for the past two years and announced that the borough's association gave Gordon a Certificate of Appreciation. For more information their website is [www.acbassociation.org](http://www.acbassociation.org)
- The next ACTCC meeting was announced by Ron Harris (CARROLL VALLEY BOROUGH) for March 17, 2014 and the next YATB meeting is January 27, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in York. Attendance for all members is very important in order to have a quorum and take care of business.
- Township Officials Association – Coleen Reamer (HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP) announced that their newsletter was sent out with important dates for 2014. They are in need of donations for the basket that is given as a door prize at the PSATS Convention in Hershey. She asked that each township provide a gift by the end of March from a commercial establishment in their township. They are also looking at providing a self study course in Weed Spraying certification if they have enough interest. If interested please contact her at [creamer@embarqmail.com](mailto:creamer@embarqmail.com).
- Brad Hunt (GETTYSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT) thanked the road crews for their work on getting the snow and ice removed. The schools are working on budgets and will be finished by June.
- Scot Pitzer from Senator Alloway's office announced that the Secretary of Transportation will be visiting Adams County on February 10, 2014. Andrew Merkel from Adams County Planning will be setting up the schedule and if municipalities are interested in getting on the schedule that they

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- could contact Merkel. Pitzer reminded the members that the Legislative Committee meets at their office on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7:30 a.m.
- Public Comment – Gordon (HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP) introduced the newest member of the COG, Stan Wannop from New Oxford. Also, he introduced new COG representatives from Mt. Joy Township and Tyrone Township.

**A MOTION WAS MADE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING BY PITZER (GETTYSBURG BOROUGH) AND SECONDED BY PHREN (ARENDSVILLE BOROUGH). MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 9:52 A.M.**

***Next meeting – February 27, 2014 at 8:30 am at Adams County Emergency Management Building, 230 Greenamyre Lane, Gettysburg.***

Signed,

Sandra L. Vazquez  
Secretary