

President Sharon Hamm called the March 27, 2014 Adams County COG meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

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

Others present were: The following staff members of Adams County Conservation District as follows: Larry Martick, Deb Musselman, Adam McClain; Jarrad Hedes, Gettysburg Times; Scot Pitzer, Senator Alloway's office; Robin Crushong; Straban Township Office Manager; Barry Cockley, Berwick Township; John Eline, Adams County Emergency Services

MEETING MINUTES: A MOTION WAS MADE BY PHREN (ARENDSVILLE BOROUGH) AND SECONDED BY BUTTERFIELD (GETTYSBURG BOROUGH) TO ACCEPT THE FEBRUARY 27, 2014 MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

TREASURERS REPORT: Coleen Reamer (HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP) presented the Treasurer's report which showed a balance of \$5,389.19 with no activity for the month of February. Reamer reported that 26 COG members paid their dues to PACOG so the actual balance of the checking account for this meeting is \$7,989.19. This report was accepted as read.

NEW BUSINESS: President Hamm explained that the opening of Joint Purchasing Bids will take place at 8:45 p.m.

John Eline, EMS Director, gave the membership an update on the Radio system. The site prep is ongoing which includes equipment placed on towers, replacement of 3 towers, building 5 raw sites, and a few outstanding municipality documents to be signed. The estimated completion date is December 31, 2014, weather depending.

Robin Crushong (STRABAN TOWNSHIP) administered the Joint Purchasing bid for municipal purchase of stone and line painting through PennBid. This was an on line bidding document. The line painting received 5 bids and the stones received one bid. Each municipality that has joined the group will have to make their own decision to consent to the bid or to formally reject the bid. Discussion on the stone bid dimensions. Crushong will upload e-documents to the individual municipalities so they can review them. President Hamm reiterated that another municipality would need to take over the administration of this program for the next year.

President Hamm introduced Larry Martick, Manager of the Adams County Conservation District. Martick provided an overview of the department. Also, he introduced three staff members to discuss items of interest: Adam McClain regarding Municipal Storm Sewer systems. This would provide markers to identify where storm drains are located and where they are discharging and to obtain GPS of the same. The markers are of no cost to the municipality. Discussion on type and location of markers. Anyone interested in joining in on the Storm Drain Marking project please contact McClain at amccclair@adamscounty.us, McClain provided an update on the Well Construction Standards.

Further, Martick introduced Debra Musselman who is administering the PA Dirt and Gravel Road Program and Low Volume Roads programs. She provided general information on these programs and asked if anyone had questions they may contact her at dmusselman@adamscounty.us.

OLD BUSINESS:

- AC Collaboration Committee had not met.
- Adams County Connected was reported on by Commissioner Marty Qually that the new board has been formed and includes representation from municipalities. They are including development planning ideas.
- Public Works Committee: no report for this meeting.
- Emergency Services Committee is following up with the county regarding the ALS/BLS services.
- Joint Purchasing Committee: President Hamm and the COG membership thanked Robin Crushong for her administration of the joint bidding process. Crushong has established a protocol for this process so the next municipality may pick it up without any new invention.
- Legislative Committee was reported on by Bob Gordon (HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP) that the next legislative forum will be held on April 24, 2014 starting with some light refreshments and social time at 8:00 a.m. The 2014 legislative priorities were presented to the membership at this meeting and sent via email prior to this meeting. Gordon asked if the membership wanted to adopt the full report of 2014 legislative priorities that was being presented by the Legislative Committee. Discussion and request for many officials to attend. Gordon underlined the importance of this forum and announced that Fred Snyder from WGET will be the narrator of the forum and pre-written questions will be accepted. President Hamm thanked the committee and Gordon for their hard work.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SWALES (YORK SPRINGS BOROUGH) AND SECONDED BY HARRIS (CARROLL VALLEY BOROUGH) TO ADOPT THE REPORT FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE TO ESTABLISH THE 2014 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OPEN DISCUSSION

- Adams County Commissioners – Randy Phiel reported on the following items: (1) He announced the updated county bond higher rating that will benefit the municipalities when loans are applied for and this shows good fiscal management. (2) Discussion of the Court Building project. (3) The VA office move. (4) The ALS steering committee project which may result in some regional entities. (5) The Radio Fiscal Review Committee has been established which is important to keep the finances to stay on track. Jim Martin reported on the 911 funding deficit and he asked that the COG members contact their legislative representatives to create a bill that will create a good funding source and distribution system. Marty Qually reported further on the bond rating that the county received is a very good step forward for our county. Also, the Adams County Planning office is obtaining an inventory of properties in the county that have potential for development (including possible repository sites). Please provide this information to Commissioner Marty Qually.
- Borough's Association Nothing to report for this meeting
- Township Officials Association Nothing to report for this meeting.
- School District. Nothing to report for this meeting.
- ACTCC Nothing to report for this meeting.
- **Announcement:** Scot Pitzer announced that Senator Alloway is holding a Concealed Carry Seminar on Friday, April 11, 2014 from 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. at the Bendersville Fire Company. Registration is required at www.senatoralloway.com.

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A MOTION WAS MADE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING BY QUALLY (ADAMS COUNTY) AND SECONDED BY PREHN (ARENDSVILLE BOROUGH). MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 10:00 A.M.

Next meeting – April 24, 2014 at 8:30 am at Adams County Emergency Management Building, 230 Greenmyer Lane, Gettysburg. This is the Annual Legislative Forum. Come early @ 8:00 a.m. for some coffee, treats and social time.

Signed,

Sandra L. Vazquez
Secretary