

President Sharon Hamm called the November 20, 2014 Adams County COG meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

The following members were present: **Boroughs:** Abbottstown, Arendtsville, Biglerville, Carroll Valley, East Berlin, Fairfield, Gettysburg, and York Springs. **Townships:** Conewago, Franklin, Germany, Hamiltonban, Huntington, Liberty, Straban, and Tyrone. **Schools:** Gettysburg Area. **Adams County.**

Others present were: Sherri Clayton; ACOPD Department Head; Andrew Merkel, ACOPD; Will Tallman and Dan Moul, PA State Representative; Commissioners Jim Martin, Marty Qually, and Randy Phiel.

President Hamm welcomed Sherri Clayton, the new department head from Adams County Office of Planning and Development (ACOPD).

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PREHN (ARENDSVILLE BOROUGH) AND SECONDED BY FRIDENVALDS (HUNTINGTON TOWNSHIP) TO ACCEPT THE OCTOBER 23, 2014 MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

TREASURERS REPORT: Coleen Reamer presented the Treasurer's report which showed a balance as of 10/31/14 of \$7,011.75 with no activity for this month. Reamer continued by presenting the 2015 Adams County COG Proposed Budget. This budget will be voted on at the December 2014 COG meeting.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY FRIDENVALDS (HUNTINGTON TOWNSHIP) AND SECONDED BY GORDON (HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP) TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSED 2015 BUDGET. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

President Hamm proposed that the membership continue to meet on the Fourth Thursdays in 2015 with the exception of November and December which would be meeting on the Third Thursdays. The secretary will advertise the same dates.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RAUB (TYRONE TOWNSHIP) AND SECONDED BY FRIDENVALDS (HUNTINGTON TOWNSHIP) TO ACCEPT THE 2015 MEETING DATES AS PROPOSED AND ADVERTISE THE SAME. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Brad Hunt from the Nominations Committee presented the 2015 Nominations for Adams County COG Officers. They are: President: Gus Fridenvalds (Huntington Township); Andrew Raymond (East Berlin Borough); Secretary: Sandra Vazquez (Biglerville Borough); Treasurer: Patricia Smith (Fairfield Borough). President Hamm asked for any changes or additions. None. Hamm explained that the vote on the nominations would take place at the December 2014 COG meeting.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY GORDON (HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP) AND SECONDED BY HUNT (GETTYSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT) TO ACCEPT THE 2015 NOMINATIONS FOR COG OFFICERS AS PROPOSED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

NEW BUSINESS: President Hamm introduced Representative Dan Moul and Will Tallman who reviewed the last session results on the following topics (1) Background checks for those working with children. (2) Shoulder mounted cameras for all levels of law enforcement. (3) McSherrystown Bypass funding. Discussion on both sides of the Extraction Taxes debate. Tallman suggested that the House may be able to pass more legislation this upcoming term since House and Senate Republican numbers has increased for next term. Also, they are looking forward to working with the new Governor. Moul and Tallman left the meeting at this time.

Tom Adair and Nick Cook, Adams County Emergency Services Department, presented the "Box Card" process in Adams County. Adair discussed the history of the system and procedures. Cook provided an overview of the CAD system that delivers the automated process to the "Box Cards". Discussion on the requirement of municipal officials to review and submit any box card changes to the county since it is the responsibility of the officials to oversee the emergency services in their municipality.

OLD BUSINESS:

President Hamm asked for updates on the A.C. Collaboration Committee. Gus Fridenvalds (HUNTINGTON TOWNSHIP) announced that the county and Mt. St. Mary's College are working together to employ an intern to work on the definitions project. The committee met with the controller's office on municipal accounts receivables and payables.

Adams County Connected Committee was reported on by Adams County Commissioner Marty Qually. He reported that their committee would like to provide some assistance in reviews of the cable franchise contracts. Anyone renewing their municipal cable franchise contracts may contact his office for assistance.

Legislative Committee: Bob Gordon (HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP) reported that the committee is deciding on the upcoming legislative priorities for 2015 and if a legislative forum should be held again this year. Gordon explained that he is stepping down from the committee and is asking for more volunteers to join the Legislative Committee. If anyone is interested please contact him at bgordon1162@comcast.net.

Adams County Hazardous Mitigation Planning: John Eline, Adams County Emergency Management Department announced that the final documents will be coming to the municipalities shortly and will need to be adopted and signed.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

- Adams County Commissioners: Commissioner Randy Phiel introduced the new Department Head for ACOPD, Sherri Clayton, and thanked Andrew Merkel for his work with the new department head. He continued by reviewing the following items: (1) Adams County tentative 2015 budget has been proposed without tax increase or use of reserves. (2) The Voter Hall of Fame event was held. (3) The next ALS meeting will be held in order to access the individual Fire Departments planning. (4) The Human Services building planning is moving forward.

- Commissioner Jim Martin announced that the National Association of Counties (NACO) has taken the same position on the proposed Clean Waters Act as we have done locally. The Prison Board has met and a Treatment Specialist will be hired within the prison since there is a demonstrated need for this position.
- Marty Qually reviewed the budget line item for Conservation and Economic Development that they have been brought up to the same level that they were at previously before taking a budget cut.
- Township Officials Association: Coleen Reamer announced the following officials for 2015: President - Stephanie Egger (HAMILTON) Vice President - Coleen Reamer (HAMILTONBAN), Secretary - Marcia Weaver (READING) and Treasurer - Keith Whittaker (CONEWAGO). President Hamm thanked Reamer for a successful convention.
- Borough's Association/ACTCC: Mayor Ron Harris (CARROLL VALLEY BOROUGH) reported that the next ACTCC meeting will be held on January 7, 2105 at the 911 Center. Also, Harris wished all a Happy Thanksgiving.
- School Districts: Brad Hunt (GETTYSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT) announced that YATB has listed a large number of delinquent EIT payers in the local newspaper for collection. Hunt announced that he is serving on PASBO (PA Association of School Business Officials) Benchmarking Committee which is working on evaluating and recommending options for a fair funding formula for state school funding. Also, he reported on the hiring of a School Resource Officer at Gettysburg Schools.
- **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Coleen Reamer (HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP) reminded the membership that YATB can serve as municipal tax collector. Some use J.P. Harris but their rates are higher for the residents to pay. She asked that the membership consider a change to YATB. Andrew Raymond (EAST BERLIN BOROUGH) announced their dinner for Adams County Fire Departments using "Games of Chance" financing and awards will be given. He reminded the membership that it is important to thank those who are volunteering in the fire departments.

A MOTION WAS MADE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING BY RAYMOND (EAST BERLIN BOROUGH) AND SECONDED BY GORDON (HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP). MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 10:06 A.M.

President Hamm announced that the next meeting will be held on THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2014 at 8:00 A.M. for coffee and light refreshments with the regular meeting to begin at 8:30 A.M. MEETING IS HELD AT 230 GREENAMYER LANE, GETTYSBURG.

SNOW POLICY: THE COG MEETING WILL BE CANCELLED IF GETTYSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT HAS A DELAY OR CANCELLATION.

Signed,
Sandra L. Vazquez
Secretary