

President Sharon Hamm called the September 25, 2014 Adams County COG meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

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

Others present were: Carly Marshall and Andrew Merkel, ACOPD; Scot Pitzer, Representative from Senator Alloway's office; Vanessa Pellechio, Gettysburg Times; Judy Chambers, Penn State Extension; Duane Kanagy and Jim Krut, Community Media; Kaycee Kemper, ACEDC; Commissioners Marty Qually, Jim Martin and Randy Phiel.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY FRIDENVALDS (HUNTINGTON TOWNSHIP) AND SECONDED BY RAUB (TYRONE TOWNSHIP) TO ACCEPT THE AUGUST 28, 2014 MINUTES. PRESIDENT HAMM REQUESTED TO STRIKE THE LAST SENTENCE IN THE OPEN DISCUSSION UNDER COMMISSIONERS WHICH WAS AN EVENT REPORTED IN ERROR. THE SECRETARY WILL STRIKE THIS SENTENCE FROM THE FINAL APPROVED MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

TREASURERS REPORT: Coleen Reamer (HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP) presented the Treasurer's report which showed a balance as of 8/31/14 of \$7, 161.75.

NEW BUSINESS: President Hamm introduced Jim Krut, from Adams County Community Media. Krut provided information on this local television station. Further, he explained the funding provided to them by Comcast and asked municipalities if they would donate a portion of their franchise fee to the station. He thanked the municipalities that are already making this donation. Their income comes from stipends, citizens, municipal donations or outreach programs. Krut explained their various media methods such as bulletin board and municipal meeting coverage. They are available through the Comcast channels, ROKU and online streaming. Questions may be directed to communitymedia.net.

OLD BUSINESS: President Hamm announced that the Nominating and Budget Committees will begin to meet for the 2015 budget and nominations.

President Hamm called on Gus Fridenvalds (HUNTINGTON TOWNSHIP) to discuss the AC Collaboration Committee. Fridenvalds announced that the committee has met and continues to work on the definitions as reported previously. Discussion on following definitions from the Municipalities Planning Code and timelines for the completion of this work. Anyone interested in volunteering this committee can contact Gus at huntington@pa.net.

Adams County Connected Committee was reported on by Adams County Commissioner Marty Qually. He reported that technicians are working on solutions regarding interference to the internet in the county.

Bob Gordon (HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP) reported on the Legislative Committee. They did not meet this month but continued to work on the ongoing legislative priorities. Discussion on the recent resolution of the Clean Water Act concerning if fracking is included in this act. No information was provided to Gordon (HAMILTON TOWNSHIP) or Butterfield (GETTYSBURG BOROUGH) that fracking was in this bill but they asked for any additional information be provided to them so they can review it.

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Randy Phiel (ADAMS COUNTY COMMISSIONER) addressed the results from the EMS Committee about the ALS discussions. He repeated what was reported in the Gettysburg Times that United Hook and Ladder Fire Company and Gettysburg Fire Department are forming a coalition to provide Advanced Life Support (ALS) services to the 14 municipalities they take cover in the county. Discussion on timeline. The ALS steering committee is filing for a 5013c. Additionally, Fairfield Fire Company is having a discussion with Waynesboro. Therefore, dialogues continue and the committee continues to work on these issues. President Hamm reported that Lancaster Emergency Services had a similar situation and after a few started up the ALS; others joined later. This scenario would work in Adams County.

Coleen Reamer (HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP) reported on the Adams County Hazard Mitigation Plan. The consultant has placed the draft on the following web site – <http://www.pennsylvaniahmp.com/adams-hmp>. Comments should be completed by September 30, 2014 and final adoption by each municipality should be completed by the end of the year so it can be adopted in 2015.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

- PA COG Convention was discussion by Gordon (HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP) who attended the convention, as the Adams County representative. He provided copies of State Agency Acronyms (via email) to the members and discussed COG legal issues that may be of interest to our group. He suggested that ethics statements might be required by the COG.
- Adams County Commissioners:
Commissioner Martin commented on the following subjects: (1) The Adams County real estate tax appeal hearings that are currently ongoing. (2) Radio System upgrade – 3 sites are ready for construction of the towers; however the actual locations are not public. (3) The state budget has cut some of the funding for the Office of the Aging so municipalities donations are very important. (4) Adams County Conservation District Board meeting is September 25, 2014 – all are welcome at the Ag Center at 7:30 p.m.

Commissioner Qually announced that Adams County Bond rating is good and municipal projects can receive good interest rates as a result of this standing.

Commissioner Phiel reported that the upcoming forum to be held on September 29, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. will include information on Prescription Drug Abuse. This will be held at HACC and will be videoed by Community Media. The Collaboration for Youth will hold an Adams County Take Back Program on Saturday, September 27, 2014 – please check with the local fire departments for actual locations and times.

- Penn State Extension office was reported on by Judy Chambers. Chambers underscored the importance of COG's and the different types of them. She stated that they get standings at the state level. Also, she reported on a Grant Writing Training which will be held at East Berlin Community Center on October 28, 2014 from 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. provided by Penn State. This training information will be emailed to all members.

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- Borough's Association/ACTCC: Harris (CARROLL VALLEY BOROUGH) reported that the next ACTCC meeting will be held on 11/17/14 and more information will be available at a later date. The Adams County Borough's Association newsletter is emailed out to the municipalities with up to date information on current topics. The ACTCC meeting will be held on November 5, 2014. They will inform the membership with reminder emails.
- 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 at SAVES. The doors open at 4:45 p.m. and the dinner is served at 6:00 p.m.
- ACEDC was reported on by Kaycee Kemper on the Hanover Economic Planning being worked on and DCED financial planning and some educational funding at Cumberland Township. Their 25th Anniversary will be held on November 13, 2014 at the Links includes dinner. You may reach her at kemper10@acedc.org.
- Adams County Planning & Development: Andrew Merkel introduced a new staff member, Carly Marshall.

A MOTION WAS MADE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING BY HARRIS (CARROLL VALLEY BOROUGH) AND SECONDED BY FRIDENVALDS (HUNTINGTON TOWNSHIP). MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 9:50 A.M.

Next meeting – October 23, 2014 at 8:30 am at Adams County Emergency Management Building, 230 Greenmyer Lane, Gettysburg.

Signed,

Sandra L. Vazquez
Secretary