

President Gus Fridenvalds called the April 28, 2016 Adams County COG meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

The following members were present: **Boroughs:** Arendtsville, Carroll Valley, Fairfield, Gettysburg, and Littlestown. **Townships:** Butler, Conewago, Cumberland, Franklin, Germany, Hamilton, Hamiltonban, Highland, Huntington, Reading, and Straban. **School Districts:** Gettysburg. **Adams County.**

Guests: Marty Qually, Adams County Commissioner; Judy Chambers, Penn State Extension; Vanessa Pellechio, Gettysburg Times; Andrew Merkel, Adams County Office of Planning and Development; Fred Oberholtzer, PA Department of Health; Matthew Stough, Adams County Conservation District; Larry Martick, Adams County Conservation District Director; Scot Pitzer, Senator Alloway 's office staff; Chad Reichard, Legislative Director for Senator Alloway; Jared Cottrill, Representative Tallman's office staff and Kaycee Kemper, Adams County Economic Development Corporation.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY PREHN (ARENDSVILLE BOROUGH) AND SECONDED BY MOSER (LITTLESTOWN BOROUGH) TO APPROVE THE MARCH 24, 2016 MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Pat Smith announced the Treasurer's report which showed a balance of \$10,869.74 and the changes from the last meeting and report on the dues.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY LIVINGSTON (HAMILTON TOWNSHIP) AND SECONDED BY PLANK (FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP) TO APPROVE THE TREASURER REPORT AS READ TO AUDIT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** President Fridenvalds introduced Chad Reichard, Legislative Director for Senator Alloway. Reichard reported on the problems still facing the Recycling ACT 108 of 2010. He indicated that a complete overhaul of ACT 108 is intended to initiate a long-term fix to the problems facing recycling collectors. This will unlikely happen until 2017. Pricing by weight has caused the market to fail with the decrease in the weight of the Televisions being collected. DEP has changed its ruling to allow municipalities that are running collection sites to charge for the items, but costs surrounding the handling, packaging and transport to a "receiving recycle" may prove too expensive to be able to put a collection price on the items that would be acceptable to the consumer. Reichard then covered pending legislation that is still being worked on and being sent to the House for approvals to include: Emergency Services Funding SB 299 (tax credits) & SB 26-27(tuition reimbursements); SB 4 Defining a Public Charity is in House Finance Committee; SB 535 Municipal Radar for Police; SB 1073 on State Pension Reform; Prevailing Wage; HB 48 Well Standards is expected to pass to Senate and make it to passage this year; and DEP "red tape" reduction in Permit Processing. Hunt from Gettysburg School District questioned the PLAN-CON funding that has not been processed or received for many school projects over the past five plus years leaving a shortfall in school district budgets which helped with the offset of costs associated with prevailing wage. Fridenvalds thanked Reichard for his attendance and updates on the Legislature.

President Fridenvalds introduced Matthew Stough, Adams County Conservation District and Fred Oberholtzer, PA Department of Health who gave a presentation on mosquito spraying in Adams County and Zika Virus/West Nile Virus transmission, health concerns and treatments. Fred presented a seven (7) minute video to explain what we now know about the Zika Virus. He noted that Zika can be carried

by one mosquito to more than one person which does not happen in other varieties of mosquitoes. Also noted were possible sexual transmission of the virus and mother to child transmission in pregnant women. The Asian Tiger Mosquito that carries the disease only breeds in artificial containers so tarps, tires, buckets and empty flower pots are items to be removed from your property as a major step of prevention. It was suggested that a model ordinance for municipalities to eradicate nuisances for standing water could be adopted off of the State Title 25 Environmental Protection –Chapter 243.12 language. Fridenvalds thanked our speakers for a very informative presentation.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**AC. Collaboration Committee.** President Fridenvalds reported that this committee met and discussed the Zoning Definitions Project. The project is continuing.

**Adams County Connected.** Commissioner Qually announced that approximately 25 businesses submitted surveys to the Gigabit Revolution and RFP's are being distributed to get a handle on the cost of connections to these business "pockets" by a broadband line.

**Legislative Committee:** Paul Bart (READING TOWNSHIP) reported that he is stepping down as the Chair of this committee and that Robert Gordon (HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP) has agreed to accept the Chairmanship again.

**Adams County Joint Purchasing/Public Works:** Livingston (HAMILTON TOWNSHIP) reported that five (5) townships and five (5) boroughs sent their surveys back on sharing services and equipment and Jay will continue to gather a committee of interested parties. Fridenvalds asked that all municipalities check into making certain their entity

**OPEN DISCUSSION:**

- Adams County Commissioners: Commissioner Qually reported May 24, 2016, 6:30 pm @ HACC a Housing Forum will be held. SCAAP and Healthy Adams County will be taking the lead to discuss the Community Impact Aspect of the not having sufficient affordable housing concerns i.e. how it affects schools, health providers, employers and other community entities. GASD Superintendent Reading will also speak.  
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- Judy Chambers, PENN STATE EXTENSION OFFICE, Penn State is working with the Housing Forum Committee and relayed a survey out regarding how affordable housing affects employers' ability to hire and retain employees that have housing issues. Also, April 29, 2016 at 3:00 PM, at the AG Center, Penn State Undergraduate Students will present their Study Results on the shortfall of candidates willing to run for Local Government Offices.

- Township Officials Association: Coleen Reamer (HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP) reported that the ACATO MID YEAR CONFERENCE will be held on 05/25/2016 at 9:00 a.m. until noon at the EMS

Building. The ACATO Newsletter will be out next week and will have a sign-up sheet attached for the event, "look for it in your offices"! Paul Bart will speak on Computer Security in Township Offices.

- Borough's Association/ACTCC: Ron Harris had to leave the meeting early and could not report. Judy Chambers mentioned that the next meeting for the ACBA is Monday May 16, 2016 at the Pike with speaker Shannon Harvey from HACC. Fridenvalds reported the ACTCC met this past Monday night 04/25/2016.
- School Districts: Brad Hunt did not have any specific items to report but encouraged everyone to check out their local school websites and participate in the many "Spring" activities that the students are now involved in (i.e. concerts, plays, etc.)
- ACEDC: Kaycee Kemper reported that they have seen an increase in the lending for the State Financing Programs that ACEDC administers. They continue to work on the development of the Gettysburg Station property on Carlisle Street in Gettysburg. ACEDC has just begun a Strategic Planning Process for their organization.

President Fridenvalds announced that our next meeting will have presentations by Adams County Planning and also ACTPO (Adams County Transportation Planning Organization) noting that local Transportation is important to all of us and we need to know more about this important organization.

**PUBLIC COMMENT: None**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY ARNDT (CONEWAGO TOWNSHIP) AND SECONDED BY PRENN (ARENTSVILLE BOROUGH) TO ADJOURN AT 9:43 am. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Signed,

Coleen N. Reamer (Temporary Secretary)  
In the absence of Sandi Vazquez, Secretary