

President Gus Fridenvalds called the January 28, 2015 Adams County COG meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

The following members were present: **Boroughs:** Arendtsville, Biglerville, Carroll Valley, Fairfield, Gettysburg and Littlestown. **Townships:** Conewago, Cumberland, Franklin, Germany, Hamiltonban, Huntington, and Straban. **Adams County.**

Guests: Representative Will Tallman; Marty Qually and Randy Phiel, Adams County Commissioners; Judy Chamber, Penn State Extension; Vanessa Pellechio, Gettysburg Times; Bicky Redman and Sherri Clayton, Adams County Office of Planning and Development; Deb Musselman, Adams County Conservation District; Corporal Michael Brandtonies, PSP.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY HARRIS (CARROLL VALLEY BOROUGH) AND SECONDED BY PREHN (ARENDSVILLE BOROUGH) TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 17, 2015 MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Pat Smith (Fairfield Borough) announced that the Treasurer's report which showed a balance as of this date of \$8,477.99 and no changes from the last meeting.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY MAUSS (STRABAN TOWNSHIP) AND SECONDED BY KETTERMAN (GERMANY TOWNSHIP) TO APPROVE THE TREASURER REPORT AS READ TO AUDIT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** President Fridenvalds announced the addition to our agenda for the following items: 1) Disaster announcement 2) Updates on recycling 3) Adams County Conservation District information on training 4) Legislative information from Representative Will Tallman.

**SPEAKERS:** Representative Will Tallman addressed the members on an update on the State Budget. He stated that the legislature is working on the budget on a line item basis. Last year's budget is 87% completed with 13% left to be approved. Discussion on HB 18-13 in an effort to hold the amount for the line item for Agriculture, promotions and exports and budget funding.

Commissioner Randy Phiel stated that the court house was open during the recent snow storm and the county experienced a lot of cooperation between the county and municipalities. He announced the Human Services Architectural Design started on this date. The estimated time frame for this work is to have bids out in April and bids let in May with completion of building by June with an open house to following in the future.

Deb Musselman, Adams County Conservation Office, announced the Dirt, Gravel and Low Volume Program training to be held on April 13 and 14 at the Gettysburg Hotel. This is an important training to be held in our area and they hope for a large turn-out. This training is required in order to apply for state funding. This certification is valid for 5 years. Sign up for this important training with Deb Musselman at [dmusselman@adamscounty.us](mailto:dmusselman@adamscounty.us) There will be a Municipal informational meeting held April 5<sup>th</sup> at the EMS Center for these programs. If more municipalities do not utilize the grants Adams County could lose or greatly diminish its grant allocations totaling \$221,000.

Corporal Michael Brandtonies introduced himself to the membership. He gave a report on the snow storm and where the National Guard assisted State Police in various locations.

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**NEW BUSINESS:** President Fridenvalds announced that the Emergency Services Department provided copies of the information on the “potential” Federal Disaster funding. No disaster has been declared, but they are asking for municipalities to provide costs in case the threshold is met and funds become available. The deadline for this information to the county is 2/5/16.

President Fridenvalds announced his recommendation for the approval of a new solicitor is Salzmann Hughes P.C. in Gettysburg. He announced their rates and asked the membership to provide a motion to accept these attorneys for the COG that would be effective immediately.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY HARRIS (CARROLL VALLEY BOROUGH) TO ACCEPT SALZMANN HUGHES P.C. FOR THE COG SOLICITOR. PREHN (ARENDSVILLE BOROUGH) SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The members discussed the COG’s involvement with the Adams County Rescue Mission (ARM) electronic recycling and their needed donation to continue that work. President Fridenvalds stated that the real answer on this problem is at the State Legislature level but a stopgap answer is a donation to ARM to continue the service to the community. The Commissioners commented that they have budgeted \$12,000 for this purpose and the hope is the municipalities or private citizens would provide the additional \$12,000 to cover the rest of the donation. Fridenvalds stated that the COG Executive Committee recommended that the donations would be sent to the COG and the COG will make the donation for the group to ARM. Redman (ACOPD) estimated that the donation commitments are up to \$11,250 as of this date.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY MAUSS (STRABAN TOWNSHIP) AND SECONDED BY GORDON (HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP) TO HAVE THE COG SET UP A SEPARATE BANK ACCOUNT FOR THE ARM DONATIONS AND CHANNEL THESE FUNDS TO ARM FOR ELECTRONIC RECYCLING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Commissioners Phiel and Qually asked for a letter stating the same sent to them for their files. President Fridenvalds concurred. Discussion on MOU. Qually suggested that this can be discussed at the next Collaboration Committee meeting. Gordon reiterated that this is a one year commitment being made by the ARM for this donation. Also, that Franklin and York Counties have the same problem.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY GORDON (HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP) AND SECONDED BY UNDERWOOD (CUMBERLAND TOWNSHIP) TO APPROVE THE COG DUES AT \$100 PER MEMBER FOR 2016. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**AC. Collaboration Committee.** Commissioner Qually announced that the intern at Mt. St. Mary’s College have completed their work on the zoning ordinance definitions. The next step is to gather donations for the technical work to make the document user-friendly and easy to navigate.

**Adams County Connected.** Commissioner Qually reported that he attended a meeting held by an internet provider that is working on making an internet highway of fiber line from New York to Virginia. They hope to use suburban areas instead of cities.

**Adams County Connected (continued):** Some of this work suggests that Hanover Borough may be included for the highway but definitely Frederick MD is being looked at as point on the highway. Qually is asking for cooperation of municipalities to fill out surveys being sent out that would work toward this significant effort that is being undertaken for the year of 2016.

**Legislative Committee:** Scot Pitzer from Senator Alloway's office reported that the Senate has approved their bill to reduce the Senate seats from 50 to 45 and the House seats from 203 to 151. Two additional sessions are needed to move this to a voter referendum.

**Adams County Joint Purchasing/Public Works:** No report.

**Emergency Services:** Barb Underwood (Adams Regional Emergency Medical Services (AREMS), informed the members the new county radio system made a huge difference in the recent snow storm. They were effective and made the work being done through the storm smooth. Gordon (HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP) reiterated the same and asked for more discussion with the EMS department next month for this effort.

**OPEN DISCUSSION:**

- Adams County Commissioners: Previously reported in the meeting.
- Judy Chambers, PENN STATE EXTENSION OFFICE, announced the ACOPD has put out a book called "Home in the County" which has valuable information for new residents and brought them to be distributed. Discussion on Avian Flu concerns and suggested those with "backyard chickens" to check the Penn State website for information. Also, please contact Judy at [jrc355@psu.edu](mailto:jrc355@psu.edu) for your training ideas for our county.
- Township Officials Association: Coleen Reamer (HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP) reported that the ACATO Conference and Trade show is being held in April. The association gives away a basket each year which includes various items from Adams County local businesses. Please provide these donations for this basket to be dropped off at the COG meeting or to an ACATO official. Also, Reamer asked for training suggestions for ACATO for 2016, please contact President Egger at [saehamilton@twphamilton.com](mailto:saehamilton@twphamilton.com) Reamer announced ACATO will be holding a March seminar on "The Bidding Process" (date and time to be announced later). Reamer stated that she has resigned as ACATO Vice Chair and a new Vice Chairman will be appointed at ACATO's next Executive Committee meeting.
- Borough's Association/ACTCC: Mayor Ron Harris (CARROLL VALLEY BOROUGH) reported on the following upcoming meetings: (1) YATB 2/2/2016 at 6:30 p.m. at the York office. (2) Adams County Boroughs Association meeting to be held on 3/21/16 at 6:15 p.m. Email will follow.

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Others: Sherri Clayton (ACOPD) announced that their offices have moved to the Ag Center at 670 Old Harrisburg Road, Gettysburg. They are holding an Open House on 2/17/16 at 5:30 p.m. A Community Forum will be held the same date at 6:30 p.m. ACOPD is making plans for 2016 training and is asking for suggestions. They will be providing training in 2016 for the Municipal Planning Code (MPC).

Gordon (HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP) announced the following: (1) PA COG is holding their Annual Conference in Gettysburg Wyndham on 10/14/16 and 10/15/16. Also, their notice of Delegates meeting will be held on 4/29. (2) He reiterated that the Dirt, Gravel and Low Volume Road Program Training being held on 4/13/16 and 4/14/16 is at the Gettysburg Hotel and is important to keep these trainings in our area. (3) Another training session is LTAP at Emergency Services Center on these dates - 2/9/16, 2/17/16, 2/25/16, and 3/8/16. If you are interested please contact Andrew Merkel at ACOPD. (4) Gordon discussed an Elected Auditor survey being distributed.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY PREHN (ARENDSVILLE BOROUGH) AND SECONDED BY GORDON (HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP) ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 9:43 A.M. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Signed,

Sandra L. Vazquez  
Secretary