

President Gus Fridenvalds called the July 28, 2016 Adams County COG meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

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

Guests: Jim Martin and Marty Qually, Adams County Commissioners; Sherri Clayton-Williams and Harlan Lawson, Adams County Office of Planning and Development (ACOPD), Vanessa Pellechio, Gettysburg Times; and Judy Chambers, Penn State Extension Office, Kaycee Kemper, Adams County Economic Development Corp (ACEDC); Eric Zaney, Adams Regional Emergency Services. Scot Pitzer, Senator Alloway 's office staff; Jared Cottrill, Representative Tallman's office staff; Chris Kimple, Representative Dan Moul's office staff.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KETTERMAN (GERMANY) AND SECONDED BY PREHN (ARENDSVILLE) TO APPROVE THE APRIL 28, 2016 AND JUNE 23, 2016 MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

TREASURERS REPORT: Pat Smith announced the Treasurer's report which showed a balance of \$10,869.74 with no changes from the last meeting.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY GORDON (HAMILTONBAN) AND SECONDED BY MAUSER (STRABAN) TO APPROVE THE TREASURER REPORT TO AUDIT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

NEW BUSINESS: President Fridenvalds asked Barb Underwood (Cumberland Township) to present a request for two lap tops for use by the COG Secretary and Treasurer. Underwood explained that the COG Secretary and Treasurer need to talk to each other professionally and not to burden the municipality that they are employed by; therefore, she is recommending that the COG purchase two lap tops and purchase them locally with the expense not more than \$2,500.00. Mauser (Straban) and Hunt (Gettysburg Area Schools) discussed the pros and cons of leasing the equipment and Hunt suggested that the COG use costars vendors. Chambers suggested drop storage be included with the purchase. Reamer (Hamiltonban) recommended that no sales tax be paid.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY UNDERWOOD (CUMBERLAND) AND SECONDED BY QUALLY (ADAMS COUNTY) FOR THE COG TO BUY TWO LAP TOPS LOCALLY TO BE USED BY THE SECRETARY AND TREASURER WITH THE EXPENSE NOT TO BE MORE THAN \$2,500.00. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OLD BUSINESS:

AC. Collaboration Committee. Commissioner Qually continues to work on the land use definitions project and they are considering working with County Commissioners Association of PA (CCAP) for a good framework.

President Fridenvalds spoke to the COG membership the need to hold fire department training in the county. He suggested that the EMS building might be a remedy but the building would have to be certified. Commissioner Qually combined this discussion with the work that the county is doing on the fire arms range. Chris Kimple (Rep. Dan Moul's staff) suggested that the COG discuss it with ACVESA. Gordon (Hamiltonban) suggested that the COG's Emergency Services Committee be restored and take this discussion further with the appropriate parties. Mayor Harris (Carroll Valley Borough) continued that some talks are underway in the county but this information is not available until next month. President Fridenvalds asked for committee volunteers and the following members responded: Harris, Martin, Reamer, Smith, and Moser. The committee will meet and report back to the COG.

Adams County Connected. Commissioner Qually reported that there is a need for faster and better capacity in the internet services in the county. A new view of the subject would include municipalities owning this utility. Qually continues to research the answers to provide for a rural internet service. Discussion with Hunt (GETTYSBURG AREA SCHOOLS) on the internet services provided from LIU to the Adams County schools, as an example.

Legislative Committee: Bob Gordon (HAMILTONBAN) announced that he has accepted the position of the Chair of this committee. Also, Gordon welcomed the legislative staff to the COG meeting. The committee is planning to meet on August 16 at 8:00 a.m. at Senator Alloway's Gettysburg office. The committee plans to meet at this location with Scot Pitzer hosting the event. Gordon thanked Senator Alloway and the staff for their offer to continue the meetings there. Lastly, the COG annual Legislative Forum will be held on Thursday, October 27, 2016 during the regular October COG meeting. Thomas will be the moderator for this forum.

Adams County Joint Purchasing/Public Works: Livingston (HAMILTON TOWNSHIP) reported that he has received no additional road master information. He reiterated his request for the COG to support the previously held flagger training. The flagging course costs the participants \$1,050. Reamer (Adams County Association of Township Officials (ACATO) explained that their organization sponsored it. Also, she explained that the by-laws for the COG do not allow training to be paid from their funds. However, the by-laws committee were reviewing them for a possible update to include training costs.

Reamer (ACATO) discussed the Secretary's luncheon topics and asked if municipalities have any dumping of electronics to please provide pictures to PSATS for possible use at legislative hearings. President Fridenvalds suggested that pictures may be sent to him and he will forward them to PSATS.

Also, the secretary's had discussion on a recent House Bill being reviewed for UCC Inspectors. Therefore, Reamer asked if the COG would be interested in sending a letter of support to the House of Representatives to keep the regulations on UCC Inspectors to only one inspector required per municipality.

Lastly, Livingston offered to serve on the Emergency Services Committee. Fridenvalds added his name to the committee list.

Emergency Services: Eric Zaney (AREMS) reported that they have been providing CPR training for local road crews and if anyone is interested to contact him. AREMS request for Ambulance Club membership flyer went out with Gettysburg Times Newspaper which means some people got the request that are not covered by AREMS. Underwood (CUMBERLAND TOWNSHIP) said if anyone from

Non-covered areas send in membership, they will return to them and donations would be greatly appreciated and accepted.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

- Adams County Commissioners: Commissioner Martin reported on the following items: (1) current county budget reporting. (2) The Human Resources building is under contract and when the contract is executed than a notice to proceed will be completed. (3) Adams County will hold an auction at 1:00 p.m. on July 28 for office equipment.
- Commissioner Qually announced that the Parks and Recreation Grant applications are due by September 29, 2016 and anyone interested should contact the Planning office. Also, the Tax Appeals deadline is Monday, August 1, 2016. No further appeals will be accepted after that date. There will be some changes to Clean and Green policies which will affect tax rates.
- PENN STATE EXTENSION OFFICE: Judy Chambers announced a local task force has been formed regarding Heroin Awareness. This is a serious problem in our county and they are working with law enforcement and will be providing some training in the near future. Also, Chambers announced that she has information on the Junior Council or Township program. This program may be used for Planning Commissions, if desired.
- Township Officials Association: Coleen Reamer (HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP) reported that their association is looking for training ideas.
- Borough's Association/ACTCC: Mayor Harris (CARROLL VALLEY) announced their next meeting will be held on 9/19 at 6:15 p.m. at The Pike Restaurant. The speaker will be the Secretary of Agriculture. President Fridenvalds reported on the lack of quorums at the ACTCC meetings. He asked all members to speak to their representatives to be sure to attend the meetings so they can have a quorum and take care of business. He reported that a delegate may represent more than one municipality at the meetings.
- School Districts: Brad Hunt (GETTYSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT) discussed the Heroin Awareness that Chambers discussed. It is seen on a regular basis and is a very difficult problem in our area. Local schools have Narcan available. Also, Hunt announced that Community Cares donation boxes are located at the Gettysburg Schools due to their support of hungry students through organizations like Ruth's Harvest.
- ACEDC: Kaycee Kimple (ACEDC) reported that they have hired a full time employee to do marketing services. Also, on September 21, 2016 they will be holding a Harvest Celebration at the Round Barn for a Thank you celebration for their supporters. All are welcome. ACEDC has started a Facebook page and a blog.

- Legislative Reporting: Legislative staff members reported on the following:
 - (1) Jared Cottrill (Representative Tallman's staff) reported on these outreach events:
 - a. Town hall meeting on September 13, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the New Oxford Hook and Ladder.
 - b. Senior Expo on September 30, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at the New Oxford Brethren Home with 30 vendors in attendance.
 - c. Discussion on the PUC hearings regarding the Area Code of 717 being eliminated in 2018. The choice of adding a new overlay of numbers which results in 10 numbers being assigned or a geo-split that will provide new numbers.
 - d. H.B. 782 regarding the UCC inspector's rules. This is an amendment to the PA Construction Code to require municipalities to use 3rd party agencies to enforce the code with at least two or more inspection services so homeowners have a choice in which service to use.
 - e. H.B 71 Local Police using radar in PA. No information on this bills current status.
 - (2) Scot Pitzer (Senator Alloway's staff) reported on the questions that the bills not being voted on during the current session would have to be resubmitted. Further, Pitzer welcomed the new COG delegate from Gettysburg Borough, Ted Streeter. Pitzer reported that the Legislative Staff are back and involved in the COG meetings and ready to move forward and not look back.
 - (3) Chris Kimple (Representative Dan Moul's staff) reported that the legislature is in summer recess currently. No fall schedule has been provided yet. Moul is available for questions if the public wants to contact him at his office.

Mayor Ron Harris (Carroll Valley Borough) announced National Night Out on August 2, 2016. Various events are happening around the county on this date.

Ferd Prehn (Arendtsville Borough) announced that the Adams County Fruit Growers have discontinued their Apple Blossom Festival at the South Mountain Fairgrounds Association. The fairgrounds association is trying to replace an event during this time of the year.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PREHN (ARENDSVILLE) AND SECONDED BY HARRIS (CARROLL VALLEY) TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

President Fridenvalds announced that our next meeting will be August 25, 2016. The meeting adjourned at 9:48 a.m.

Signed,

Sandra L. Vazquez
Secretary