

President Gus Fridenvalds called the May 26, 2016 Adams County COG meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

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

Of the 35 Members only 16 members were present. A Quorum constitutes 18 members to be present. Therefore, **there was not a Quorum to conduct business.** Approval of the April minutes and May Treasurer’s report will be moved to the June meeting.

Guests: Marty Qually, Adams County Commissioner; James Martin, Adams County Commissioner, Andrew Merkel, Adams County Office of Planning and Development (ACOPD), Sherri Clayton ACOPD; Tom Fontana, Gettysburg Times; and Tom Henson of ARRO Consulting.

President Fridenvalds addressed the membership with his apology for what he termed as “his inappropriate use of language” at the April meeting which caused a letter from our PA Legislative Representatives and Senator. He also offered a copy of that letter and Fridenvalds’ letter of response to them if any member has interest.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Pat Smith announced the Treasurer’s report which showed a balance of \$10,869.74 with no changes from the last meeting. Several members have not yet paid dues for 2016. Smith will contact them again.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** President Fridenvalds introduced Andrew Merkel, ACOPD to address and explain the Adams County Transportation Planning Organization (ACTPO), the “Draft” Adams County Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) and their importance to every municipality.

Addressed were the following points:

- ❖ TIP Now in Public Comment Period for 2017-2020 TIP with Effective Date for Adoption as October 1, 2016 (Copies were available of the Plan).
- ❖ Statistics on Adams County for Population, Road Miles, Number of Bridges, Square Miles, etc.
- ❖ District 8 that covers Central PA has more miles of road, bridges and population than some other states which makes challenging.
- ❖ Explanation of Federal Funding, State Funding and local funding included in the TIP and how those funds are allocated.
- ❖ TIP Prioritizes Roads, Bridges, Bicycle/Ped. Safety & Public Transportation
- ❖ Current 2017-2020 Allocations:

Federal	\$ 27,042,236
State	27,873,000
Local	61,250
Total	54,976,486
- ❖ TIP currently has 46 Projects on its Plan: 25 Bridges, 16 Highway, 2 Non-Motorized (Bicycle/Ped & Commuter Services), 7 Line Items. The Major Projects under the Highway category are: Eisenhower Drive (McSherrystown Bypass) in Hanover; 15/30 Interchange; 15/234 Interchange at Rutters; 15/394 Hampton Intersection; Route 15/Intersection Jughandles in Latimore Twp and York County; 234/Old Harrisburg Road at Heidlersburg; 15/94 Study on ramps; PA 116 Road Safety Study.
- ❖ Covered how local entities are contacted about Projects Prior to Finalization.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**AC. Collaboration Committee.** Commissioner Qually - Committee discussed municipal “green dumps”, the County Recycling program problems and still working with Harris (CARRROL VALLEY) on County definitions project.

**Adams County Connected.** Commissioner Qually announced the Gigabit Revolution ( working from Ashborough, VA to NYC, NY) and RFP’s are distributed and are now looking a connectability to business “pockets” by a broadband line around the County. The ACOPD is currently working on a County Infrastructure Map.

**Legislative Committee:** No Report

**Adams County Joint Purchasing/Public Works:** Livingston (HAMILTON TOWNSHIP) reported suggestions for Joint Purchasing as sign posts and break-aways as well as a July 14, 2016 Flagging Certification Course that is being offered by ACATO at a cost \$35.00 per person from 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon. Notification to location will come at a later date with a minimum 15 registrants required.

**Emergency Services:** Underwood (Cumberland) reported that AREMS is reaching out to communities to with their willingness to attend community events when possible.

President Fridenvalds reiterated that the fire service article recently in the Gettysburg Times outlined very well the need to address the concerns of volunteer shortage in our county departments. He also noted that Adams County residents has an inordinate high percentage of commuters out-of-the-area for work that are not here during the day to answer fire calls.

Bart (READING TOWNSHIP) noted that Reading is considering a Resolution to Harrisburg to address other ways that municipalities can enact taxing authority on its residents for fire taxes OTHER THAN on personal property. It was suggested that such a Resolution be circulated to include support by County Associations and County Government prior to submission to our Legislative Representatives.

**OPEN DISCUSSION:**

Underwood (CUMBERLAND) noted that the Adams County Council of Governments (ACCOG) would like the public know that we are an organization that fosters cooperation between municipal entities, school districts, county government and state & federal government. We are VERY active in trying to present programs and solutions to problems that can be of assistance to all of our members and the community at large. **However, the ACCOG is NOT a legislative group. Therefore, we do not mandate actions, pass ordinances or laws. We work only through co-operation and the co-operative spirit of our members.**

- Adams County Commissioners: Commissioner Qually reported that County Human Services Building has items that it will be putting out to auction if municipalities are interested. Vice President Reamer (HAMILTONBAN) asked the County to consider a preview of items by the municipalities for auction and to consider an “early bird” auction just for municipalities prior to their public auction time. Qually and Clayton (ACOPD) also announced the June 29, 2016 “roll-out”

of the Adams County Greenspace and Recreation Grant Program. Sessions will be held at the AC AG Building from 1:00PM-3:00PM and also from 6:00PM-8:00PM. The grant round this year will focus on Community Park and Recreation applications. DCNR will be there to talk about matching funds availability. Qually also spoke about the downtown project at the "Gettysburg Station" and its progress. He encouraged officials to contact him or ACEDC for development of properties that the municipalities

- PENN STATE EXTENSION OFFICE - None
- Township Officials Association: Coleen Reamer (HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP) reported that the ACATO MID YEAR CONFERENCE was held on 05/25/2016 at 9:00 a.m. until noon at the EMS Building. It was a disappointing attendance. She noted that any township that did not send a representative missed a very informative program by Mr. Bart on Computer Security in Township Offices. ACATO has invited him back to speak again on more issues and the next training will be opened to include the Boroughs' staffs. Coleen will contact the Boroughs Association President when the details become available.  
The Secretaries' luncheon will be held the last week of July and a registration sheet will be coming out in early July with the Township Association Newsletter.
- Borough's Association/ACTCC: Mayor Harris (CARROLL VALLEY) not available.
- School Districts: Brad Hunt reported for Harris on ACTCC that the next meeting will address the agreement/contract with YATB. Hunt announced that graduation ceremonies are now upon us, watch for kids out and about! Hunt, Reamer, Fridenvalds and Gordon all praised the community for their support in scholarships and the help of the Adams County Community Foundation for its administration of so many programs like Dollars for Scholars.
- ACEDC: None

Underwood (Cumberland) announced a large group of volunteers are at the Oak Lawn Memorial Cemetery today to mow and clean-up the grounds in preparation for Memorial Day. The County and Cumberland are still in talks with the property owner and noted that this issue remains a top priority for them.

President Fridenvalds announced that our next meeting will be June 23, 2016. The meeting adjourned at 10:00 AM.

**PUBLIC COMMENT: None**

Signed,

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