

President Gus Fridenvalds called the September 22, 2016 Adams County COG meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

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

Guests: Norris Flowers and Carl Whitehill, Destination Gettysburg; Marty Qually, Adams County Commissioners; Sherri Clayton-Williams, Adams County Office of Planning and Development (ACOPD), Alex Hayes, Gettysburg Times; Eric Zaney, Adams Regional Emergency Services. Scot Pitzer, Senator Alloway's office staff; Chris Kimple, Representative Dan Moul's office staff and Jared Cottrill, Office Staff for Representative Will Tallman.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY PREHN (ARENDSVILLE) AND SECONDED BY SMITH (FAIRFIELD) TO APPROVE THE AUGUST 25, 2016 MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Pat Smith announced the Treasurer's report which showed a balance of \$10,130.74.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Norris Flowers and Carl Whitehill were our speakers from Destination Gettysburg. Flowers discussed Tourism in Adams County and provided a handout of the same. He stated that our community needs to embrace the industry because it provides our economy with advantages like tax income and jobs. He stated that the money spent by visitors in Adams County reaches beyond Gettysburg. A video was included in the presentation on Authentic Adams County showing the unique uses of barns in the county. This video can be seen on their email at [www.authenticadamscounty.com](http://www.authenticadamscounty.com). Contact Norris Flowers for any questions at [norris@destinationgettysburg.com](mailto:norris@destinationgettysburg.com) or 717 338 1050.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**AC. Collaboration Committee.** No meeting held yet this month.

**Adams County Connected.** Commissioner Qually reported that he recently met with ACEDC, LIU and Century Link on various products available in our area. An upcoming meeting will be held with Gettysburg College

**Legislative Committee:** Bob Gordon (HAMILTONBAN) announced that the annual Legislative Forum will be held on Thursday, October 27, 2016 during the regular October COG meeting. Thomas (CUMBERLAND) will be the moderator for this forum. All State and Federal legislators have been invited. The public is welcome and Community Media will be taping the event. Coffee and Doughnuts will be served at 8:00 a.m. and the meeting will begin at the regular time of 8:30 a.m. A short business meeting will be held before the start of the forum.

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

**Emergency Services:** Underwood (CUMBERLAND) reported that the subcommittee for the EMS will be coordinated by Coleen Reamer (HUNTINGTON) and Mayor Ron Harris (CARROLL VALLEY). Chief Zaney reported they had 3,560 calls for 2016 as of this date. Discussion on Adams County visitor's emergency services and responses.

**OPEN DISCUSSION:**

- Adams County Commissioners: Commissioner Marty Qually announced the following: (1) completion of the fruit belt study. There was an 80% response rate and it will be published soon. (2) The county commissioners are reviewing the Pillow Tax Ordinance (3) Review of a possible \$5 vehicle registration county fee. (4) Human services building report (5) the establishment of an Affordable Housing Task Force and he asked for municipal volunteers to serve on this board.
- Township Officials Association: Coleen Reamer (HAMILTONBAN) was absent. However, President Fridenvalds announced that the township information should be returned to Township Officials Association as soon as possible.
- Borough's Association/ACTCC: Mayor Harris (CARROLL VALLEY) was absent. Gordon (HAMILTONBAN) announced they held their meeting on 9/19 and the speaker was the Secretary of Agriculture. Also, he suggested that members attend the Annual Farm Show Luncheon. The next meeting for the Borough's Association is November 21, 2016. Regarding the ACTCC, no meeting this month.
- School Districts:  
Brad Hunt (GETTYSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT) stated that schools are discussing the best time of day for the student to learn. More discussion will be provided on this issue in the news.
- ACEDC: Robin Fitzpatrick announced that they are working closely with Adams County Planning and Development on a survey asking for requests for training. Their office provided a presentation at Fairfield Borough to spur development in their downtown. Fitzpatrick announced that this is available for other interested groups. Contact her for further information.
- Legislative Reporting:
  1. Scot Pitzer (Senator Alloway's staff) reported that the Fire Arms Training Fund Raiser was held last week. The Bike Riders event will be held on October 8 to Ride with Rich anyone interested should RSVP through Senator Alloway's office. The legislature will be working on Animal Cruelty laws to be strengthened in PA.
  2. Chris Kimple (Representative Dan Moul's staff) reported on Opioid Problems in the state. A Joint Session of the legislature is being held by the Governor to discuss the same. The Ride to Gettysburg is being participated by Representative Moul which raises funds for battlefield maintenance.

- Legislative Reporting (continued):
  3. Jared Cottrill (Representative Tallman's staff) reviewed H.B. 782 relative to the statewide building code inspectors. This bill is expected to come up again in 2017. Also, Labor and Industry is setting up a training program for inspectors and code enforcement officers which will be a two year process. This is necessary because there is a lack of personnel in this job. Representative Tallman will hold a Senior Expo at Cross Keys on 9/30/16 and a Town Hall on 10/6/16 in South Middletown Township office.
- Others: Sherri Clayton-Williams, Adams County Planning and Development Office, announced that the fruit belt survey is in draft form and after the shareholders have reviewed it; then it will be provided to the public. Also, the MS4 additional training will be held on 10/4/16 at the Ag Center. An email will be sent out to the municipalities.

President Fridenvalds announced that the Waste Contract meeting will be held at the Ag Center on 10/5/16 at 10 a.m. Also, all municipalities should have their representatives at the ACTCC meetings so there is a quorum present at this very important meeting.

Barb Underwood (CUMBERLAND) reminded the membership that nominations are needed for the 2017 Officers of the COG. Anyone interested please contact President Gus Fridenvalds or Barb Underwood. Nominations/proposed budget will be presented at the November meeting.

Bob Gordon (HAMILTONBAN) asked members to consider on their 2017 budgets some local organizations such as: (1) Office of Aging (2) ACEDC membership (3) Community Media. Also, he asked for the members to provide some legislative priorities that they would like to see the COG present in 2017. The PSAB and PA COG organizations will hold their Annual Conference on 10/14 and 10/15 at the Wyndom Hotel in Gettysburg. All are welcome.

Susan Plank (FRANKLIN) asked if the COG members would be willing to make the budgeted amount for the Gettysburg Rescue Mission to the Washington Township Transfer Station. Commissioner Qually recommended that this is not the answer to the problems that Adams County has with electronic recycling. One suggestion was that the Legislature open up the landfills again.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY GORDON (HAMILTONBAN) AND SECONDED BY QUALLY (ADAMS COUNTY) TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

President Fridenvalds announced that our next meeting will be October 27, 2016. The meeting adjourned at 9:48 a.m.

Signed,

Sandra L. Vazquez  
Secretary