

Adam County Council of Government  
Meeting Minutes March 28, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Prehn at 8:30 am

**Members Present:** Abbottstown, Arendtsville, Biglerville, East Berlin, Fairfield, Littlestown, Berwick, Butler, Conewago, Cumberland, Hamilton, Hamiltonban, Liberty, Mt. Joy, Oxford, Straban, Conewago Valley School District, Littlestown School District, Upper Adams School District and County of Adams.

**Others Present:** Coleen Reamer (COG Comcast Comm), Cathy Wallen (Rep. Ecker), Bev Frey (Sen Alloway), Andrew Merkel (ACOPD), and Robin Fitzpatrick (Economic Alliance)

**On a motion made by J. Gormont, Mt. Joy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by B. Underwood, Cumberland, the minutes from the February 2019 meeting are approved. Motion carried.**

**On a motion made by B. Gordon, Hamiltonban, 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Gormont, Mt. Joy, the treasures report is approved. Motion carried.**

Ferd will be contacting those municipalities that have not committed to membership.

No Speaker – Plans changed for the 10 year anniversary celebration that has been moved to August.

**Business:**

*De-Regulation:* D. Helwig, Butler, commented on the phone calls Butler is getting regarding Energy Suppliers. She asked the group if anyone else is getting calls. Some municipalities are shopping around. We need to watch for scammers and watch for other fees. It is suggested to get solicitors involved. Marty Qually has a contact that may come to speak to us. A few suppliers mentioned were: Constellation and Direct Energy.

*PA Invest:* D. Helwig, Butler, mentioned that the Butler Township Auditors are suggesting that the Township move from a Money Market Account to PA Invest. This company receives good reviews from J. Gormont, Mt. Joy. This may be a good topic for a speaker. Speaker suggestions: County Treasurer or Bruce Hartman, CFO of the Adams County Community Foundation.

*Legislative Priorities:*

**On a motion made by G. Mauser, Straban, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Laughman, Arendtsville, Broad Band was moved to High Priority. Motion carried.**

UCC Inspections: HB 349: Most municipalities are in opposition. There are many negatives to having this bill pass. **On a motion made by J. Gormont, Mt. Joy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by T. Danner, Berwick, HB 349 was moved to High Priority. Motion carried.**

**On a motion made by J. Gormont, Mt. Joy 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Laughman, Arendtsville the 2019-2020 Legislative Priorities as amended are adopted. Motion carried.**

*Resolution 2019 -1: Supporting Specific Amendments to the PA open Records Law*  
**On a motion made by B. Gordon, Hamiltonban, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Coleen Reamer**  
**Resolution 2019 – 1 is adopted. Motion carried.**

### **Updates:**

Randy Phiel gave an update on the Mercy House project. 60%-70% is being funded by grant. This will be the first substantial RASE treatment facility in Adams County. The State is forcing the County to purchase new voting machines at cost of approximately \$500,000.00.

ACOPD – Andy Merkel – commented that the WIIP 3 documents have been submitted for review. There is a shift in fund priorities and the TIP process will start earlier this year.

Township Officials – John Gormont- Flagger training was sponsored by the Township Officials Association.

Boroughs Association – Adopted Open Records Amendments on April 10.

School Districts –

Conewago Valley - Dr. Greenholt and the District are keeping an eye on the State Budget. Working with a consultant on the Adams County Tech Prep program.

School Safety – Safe to Say Program – the number 1 issue is Anxiety and Depression. The district is discussing the minimum wage. It will cost the District approximately 160,000.00 to bring the district into compliance with the proposed minimum wage changes.

Littlestown Schools –HB 97 – Tobacco and Vaping – it would be a summary offense if caught with vaping device.

AEA – Robin Fitzpatrick mentioned free and reduced lunches and Gettysburg Schools are at 51%. The Housing Summit at HACC Gettysburg is capped at 200 people.

Legislative Representatives –

Cathy Wallen, Rep. Ecker, Workforce Development with the Schools is a high priority. Rep. Ecker will be in attendance at the Legislative Forum.

Bev Fry – Sen. Alloway – The Democrats have chosen a candidate and still waiting on the Republicans.

**With no further business a motion to adjourn at 9:35 a.m. was made by J. Gormont, Mt. Joy and 2<sup>nd</sup> by G. Mauser, Straban. Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle Helwig, Butler Township  
Secretary