

Adam County Council of Government  
Meeting Minutes May 23, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Prehn at 8:35 am

**Members Present:** Arendtsville, Biglerville, Carroll Valley, Fairfield, Littlestown, Butler, Conewago, Germany, Hamilton, Hamiltonban, Highland, Straban, & Conewago Valley Schools.

**Others Present:** Vanessa Pellechio (Times), Bev Frey (Sen Alloway), Chad Reichard (Cong. Joyce), Lt. Nickey (Psp), Andrew Merkel (ACOPD), Sherry Clayton Williams (ACOPD), Cathy Wallen (Rep Ecker), & Steve K.

**On a motion made by Vazquez, Biglerville, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ketterman, Germany, the minutes from the March 2019 meeting are approved. Motion carried.**

**On a motion made by Gordon, Hamiltonban, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Laughman, Arendtsville, the minutes from the April 2019 meeting are approved. Motion carried.**

**On a motion made by Vazquez, Biglerville, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Moser, Littlestown, the March Treasures report is approved. Motion carried.**

**On a motion made by Gorgon, Hamiltonban, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Crushong, Straban, the April Treasures report is approved. Motion carried.**

Speaker: SPCA – no show

New Business:

Bob Gordon presented Resolution 2019 – 2 opposing the UCC Third Party Mandate for vote which has passed the House and is currently at the Senate.

**On a motion made by Gordon, Hamiltonban, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ketterman, Germany, Resolution 2019 -2 opposing the UCC 3<sup>rd</sup> party mandate is adopted. Motion carried.**

Bob Gordon presented Resolution 2019-3 supporting SB 34 and HB 526 which supports the School Districts and cyber learning.

**On a motion made by Gordon, Hamiltonban, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Greenholt, Conewago Valley School District, Resolution 2019-3 in support of the school districts and cyber learning is adopted. Motion carried.**

Old Business:

Sherri Clayton Williams, ACOPD mentioned working with the ACC to have a Municipal Summit on a yearly basis to provide pertinent information to everyone. Possibly have a session at a COG meeting. She noted that the Transportation Planner position is still open.

Lt. Nickey mentioned they have many new and young troopers to the local barracks. Still working on ACT 79 is legislation that when someone is convicted of a misdemeanor they will be required to surrender any firearms. The property owner for the location of the proposed new barracks broke the contract, looking for new area. Bob Gordon thanked the PSP for serving those municipalities that do not have police.

Township Officials Association – Bob Gordon - Municipal Secretary meeting is scheduled for last Wednesday in July.

Ron Harris – Boroughs Association – The last meeting was held on the 20th the next meeting is scheduled for September 16. The YATB Brd Meeting is scheduled for July 30.

School Districts – Townhall meeting was on May 9 with approximately 80 people in attendance. The Adams County Tech Prep continue to meet so they can be formally recognized by the state. The 25000 sq. ft New Oxford Tech center will offer welding construction and robotics, mega-tronics and many other trades etc. There will be an open house on September 7 with a ribbon cutting on September 6. The school district has received 2 million dollars in donations for the facility.

Ferd mentioned that he has seen the plans for the Arendtsville Elementary School addition.

AC Collaboration – Ron Harris - Information will be coming about trainings and IT regarding cyber security.

Legislative Committee – Bob Gordon mentioned that the Legislative Forum was a success and Ben Thomas did a wonderful job as mediator. The committee did not meet this week. Ferd suggested COG start earlier next year on the forum. Andy Merkel mentioned a HB103 that would make big changes for plans being submitted to the townships. What is or is not a subdivision plan. Could have substantial impact on the Townships.

#### Legislative Representatives

Bev Frey for Sen Alloway – Mentioned that the Senator elect is Mastriano. Swearing in will be June 3. Hopefully the budget will be done by June 19.

Cathy Wallen for Rep. Ecker – Mentioned the Firefighter Bill geared toward junior fireman. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> bill that Rep. Ecker, as a freshman Legislator, has passed and this is very unusual.

Chad Reichart for Cong. Joyce – Mentioned Bill HR1594 which expands the list of items approved for purchase by the Fire Company's through FEMA grants. Bills for Vet. Health Care will be on the next docket. Very close to getting the Abbottstown office up and running.

Other:

Ferd will not be at the June meeting. Phil Walters from the County IT will be the speaker. Still looking for speakers for September, October, November and December. Maybe the SPCA could take the September spot.

**With no further business a motion to adjourn at 9:15 a.m. was made by Harris, Carroll Valley and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Crushong, Straban. Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle Helwig, Butler Township  
Secretary