

Vice President Ferd Prehn (President Coleen Reamer was absent) called the June 22, 2017 Adams County COG meeting to order at 8:30 am. The COG this morning were the guests of the Adams County Commissioners at the new Adams County Human Services Building located on Boyd's School Road.

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

**Guests:** Adams County Office of Planning, and Tom Fontana of the Gettysburg Times.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY UNDERWOOD (CUMBERLAND) AND SECONDED BY Smith (Fairfield) TO APPROVE THE MAY 25, 2017 MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Pat smith presented the treasurer's report which showed an ending balance of \$7,570.91.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY HARRIS (CARROLL VALLEY) AND SECONDED BY GORDON (HAMILTONBAN) TO APPROVE THE TREASURER'S REPORT AS READ TO AUDIT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** Vice President Prehn asked for the COG to support a Resolution supporting HB 699.

HB 699 would provide increases in the reimbursement rates for services provided by ambulance companies. This would a helpful step to keep our ambulance companies' solvent. Bob Gordon spoke in favor of such a resolution.

**A MOTION TO SUPPORT HB 699 WAS MADE BY UNDERWOOD (CUMBERLAND) AND SECONDED BY WAGNER (BIGLERVILLE). THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Next topic was the Right to Know Cost Survey. The Budget and Finance Committee of the State Legislature is to study the fiscal impact of the Right to Know Law on local, county and commonwealth agencies. This law impacts all of us and each municipality is encouraged to take this survey. Each municipality should only respond once. Deadline is June 30!

E-Cycling. An explanation was made for why we need another \$600.00 to fund the joint COG- Adams County Electronics Drop- Off Event. The original quote was for one tractor-trailer for the collection. In the discussion, another trailer was added. The cost for two trailers and the other equipment required plus the manpower is going to be \$6,600.00. That is why we need an additional \$600.00.

**A MOTION TO COMMIT ANOTHER \$600.00 WAS MADE BY GORDON (HAMILTONBAN) AND SECONDED BY SMITH (FAIRFIELD). MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**ADAMS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:** Commissioner Phiel asked to be moved to the end of the agenda because of the tour.

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**ADAMS COUNTY PLANNING OFFICE:** Andrew Merkel reported on the Planning Offices' outreach to municipalities on economic development. The Planning Office and ACEDC will be visiting municipalities to speak on the benefits of economic development and the ways we can help by removing impediments to such development which will create jobs and help our tax base. Each presentation will be geared toward that municipality.

**PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE:** No report.

**ADAMS COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS:** Bob Gordon reported that the I.T. Seminar was canceled. The Secretaries Forum and Roundtable Luncheon is scheduled for Wednesday July 26, 2017, from noon to 2 pm. (Check in begins at 11:30 am. Location will be Classroom #1 at the Adams County Emergency Services Center. Deadline to register is July 17.

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE:** Bob Gordon reported that the Committee has been looking at the process of where the bill goes after it is introduced. We are also looking at when to have the Legislative Forum- October or November, possibly separating the State and Federal Reps because they work on different issues. Since Scott Pitzer has been promoted from local rep for Sen. Alloway to Harrisburg, we wish him well but we have lost our meeting place. Our July meeting will be at the new Carroll Valley Municipal Building on July 18.

**BOROUGH ASSOCIATION:** Mayor Ron Harris reported that their next meeting will be September 18, and he will be announcing their speaker sometime in the future.

**ACTCC:** No report.

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS:** Brad Hunt reported that all school districts passed budgets, but there is silence from the State. The development of next year's budget is being closely watched.

**ACEDC:** Bob Gordon reported that the Forum on economic development was a very good meeting.

**PENN STATE EXTENSION:** No report.

**COLLABORATION COMM:** The E-cycling project is moving ahead. The County is on board with Bick Redman coordinating the work, the County Planning office will handle the advertising and pre-registration. We will need volunteers to help keep things moving. More to come.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** No report.

**EMERGENCY SERVICES:** Barbara Underwood reported that the Gettysburg Times carried the story that Emergency Services won the Bronze Award for reaching the Expert Level in Pediatric Emergency Care. Arendtsville and Cashtown have joined for quick response. There is event training now available at HACC. We also want to call attention to all the local Fire Companies that are involved in fund raising this summer through carnivals and other events.

**ADAMS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:** commissioner Phiel reported that the National Park Service is gearing up for the July 4<sup>th</sup> Holiday. The Reenactment is scheduled but so is a demonstration by anarchists. It is taking a lot of planning by the Park Service, the County, State Police and other local police agencies to ensure a safe and secure holiday for everyone.

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Commissioner Phiel also welcomed us to the new Adams County Human Services Building and will be taking anyone interested on a tour. When the facility is full, it will have about 15 working staff in residence. A personal observation, it is good to see a County building with plenty of parking for the public.

**A MOTION TO ADJOURN WAS MADE BY QUALLY (COUNTY) AND SECONDED BY GORDON (HAMILTONBAN). THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 9:20 AM.**

Gus Fridenvalds

COG Secretary