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Adams County Economic Development Corporation

The Adams County Economic Development Corporation (ACEDC) was incorporated in 1960 as the Gettysburg Industrial Development Corporation. In 1989, the name of the organization was changed and ACEDC was born. ACEDC is a 501(c) organization whose mission is to improve the economy of Adams County while preserving and enhancing the quality of life by formulating, implementing and promoting economic development strategies for sustained investment and employment opportunities in Adams County.

The ACEDC is part of the Adams Economic Alliance which also includes the Adams County Industrial Development Authority and the Adams County General Authority. The Alliance's focus is business retention, expansion, attraction and workforce development. This is accomplished through low, fixed rate financing programs, training programs and a referral network of partners read to assist their business in reaching its full potential. For additional information visit the following website: adamsalliance.org.

Adams County Tax Collection Committee

Due to the lack of a quorum on November 7th, 2018, the 19 Adams County Tax Collection Committee (ACTCC) members who were present, could not conduct any formal business. It was unfortunate that not all the members/ alternates replied to the ACTCC invite indicating whether they could attend/not attend. In this manner, the meeting would have been cancelled prior to anyone showing up.

The next ACTCC meeting is scheduled for February 6th 6:30 pm at the 911 Center. Business to be conducted: (1) *Elect* the recommended officers for another term; (2) *Approve* the ACTCC Draft 2019 Budget; (3) *Approve* the Articles of Agreement for Operation of the York Adams Tax Bureau; (4) *Review* the Impact of the HR 291 Survey Report; (5) *Review* the appointment to the ACTCC and (6) *Discuss* possible changes to the ACTCC Bylaws. This meeting is most important to keep the ACTCC functioning in 2019. Please respond to LuAnn Dille's email of January 6th and indicate whether you or your alternate will or will not be able to attend. If you have any questions, call LuAnn Dille (717) 253-3822 or Ron Harris at (301) 606-2021.

Governor's Rural Development Council January Meeting

On January 7, 2019, the Rural Development Council (RDC) held their meeting at the Department of Agriculture building in Harrisburg. David Bolton, a RDC council member, reported that they recapped their activity over the past year. The highlights were:

--Setting the Council's priorities of focus to Rural Broadband, Workforce Development/Career Training, Heroin/Opioid Epidemic, Regionalization of services, Healthcare accessibility.

--RDC have been briefed by and exchanged ideas with: Health Secretary Rachel Levine, PEMA Director Richard Flinn, PA Fire Commissioner Bruce Trego, Secretary of Agriculture Russell Redding, Ag Deputy Secretary Mike Smith, Ag Deputy Secretary of Marketing Development Cheryl Cook, Deputy Secretary for Animal Health and Food Safety Greg Hostetter, Education Deputy Secretary David Volkmann, Deputy Health Secretary Lauren Hughes and others.

--Since our reauthorization in 2015, the RDC had held discussion on: Broadband needs and solutions, promotion of the federal POWER initiative to help negatively affected area in the coal region, strategic planning and collection of feedback for PA agriculture, sustainability for rural hospitals and healthcare providers, promotion of USDA Rural Development programs, county issues and priorities working with CCAP (state board of county commissioners).

Going forward, the Council will continue to work towards these efforts. I have been a vocal participant in these meetings, presenting the perspective of PA Boroughs to the Governor's Cabinet and leaders from various federal departments in DC. I have stressed relief from unfunded state and federal mandates and have touted the community accomplishments from the York/Adams area especially as examples for others to follow.

Office of Open Records Issues New Standard Right-to-Know Law Request Form

PA Office of Open Records (OOR) is required by Pennsylvania's Right-to-Know Law to "develop a uniform [request] form which shall be accepted by all Commonwealth and local agencies" (Section 505(a) of the RTKL). In such, the OOR has issued a new version of the Standard RTKL Request Form, which is available at // <https://www.openrecords.pa.gov/RTKL/Forms.cfm>. The new Standard RTKL Request Form reflects great input from both agencies and requesters. The OOR asked for feedback in September and made changes based on that feedback.



As required by Section 505(a) of the RTKL, all Commonwealth and local agencies must accept RTKL requests submitted on the new Standard RTKL Request Form, as well as requests submitted on previous versions of the Standard RTKL Request Form.

PSAB Resolutions Deadline

Advocacy is important because it helps you to gain access to programs, funding, and education resources that can support your borough. Individual boroughs or County Boroughs Associations (CBAs) can submit a resolution at any time, as issues arise. You do not need to wait until the months leading up to the annual conference to submit a resolution, however, in order to be considered for formal adoption at the Annual Conference, resolutions do need to be submitted by April 10, 2019.

Local News Items

Community Media (CM) January Update: Community Media has been blessed to have so many municipalities answer the call for assistance after the Comcast funding pull-out, but more help is needed to fulfill CM's vision of service to the people of Adams County. If you have not already, please consider a municipal donation or sharing the Franchise Fees collected with Community Media so they can continue to spotlight "who we are and what we do in Adam County".

ACTPO January Meeting: Adams County Transportation Planning Organization (ACTPO) will meet Wednesday, January 23rd from 1-3pm at the Emergency Services Building on Greenamyre Lane. Updates will be available at the March meeting of the Adams County Boroughs Association. Contact David Bolton directly at anytime (717-634-8726) to bring his attention to any issues your municipality may have.

New Tool to Report Suspicious Prescription Drug Activity

Gov. Tom Wolf and Attorney General Josh Shapiro announced the creation of a tool for reporting suspicious activity surrounding the prescribing or dispensing of prescription drugs, including opioids. The new tool is available at <https://www.attorneygeneral.gov/rx/>.

The Attorney General's Office of Diversion created the suspicious activity report form, a web-based form for health care providers and the general public to report suspicious activity involving prescription medication. The activity might include fraudulent, stolen, or altered prescriptions, a suspicious doctor or pharmacy, or an individual obtaining prescription drugs for any purpose other than the treatment of an existing medical condition, such as for purposes of misuse, abuse, or diversion. Completed reports are assigned to the appropriate Attorney General's Office investigator in the region where the suspicious activity is alleged to have taken place.



While Pennsylvania has had a prescription drug monitoring program since the 1970s, it was in 2016 that Gov. Wolf announced the PDMP program would be run by the Department of Health. Those with an active Pennsylvania professional license that permits them to prescribe or dispense medications must register to use the PDMP. Authorized users include prescribers, dispensers, the Attorney General's Office (on behalf of law enforcement), designated commonwealth personnel, and medical examiners or county coroners.

More than 90,000 registrants have conducted approximately 1.6 million patient searches each month. The PDMP online database allows prescribers and dispensers of controlled substances to monitor who is obtaining opioids, who prescriptions are being obtained from, how often they are prescribed, and supports clinicians in identifying patients who may be struggling from the disease of addiction and help connect them with treatment services.

PSAB Award Nominations

The deadline for the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs (PSAB) Award nominations is February 15th. Please contact David Bolton if you need assistance with nominating someone.

PennDOT Issues Guidance on Procurement of Traffic Signals Using Liquid Fuels Tax Funds

As the result of recent audit findings by the Department of the Auditor General concerning liquid fuels expenditures by municipalities for traffic signal maintenance services, the Department of Transportation (PennDOT), with the concurrence of the Auditor General, has issued guidance to assist your municipality in procuring these services going forward.



In short, these services need to be advertised and procured competitively in accordance with the applicable municipal code or relevant Penn DOT policies, and not as no-bid items. This information was mailed to each municipality by PennDOT. A copy is also available on PSAB’s website, <https://boroughs.org>.

If you have any questions, contact Kristen Sims, audit manager, in the Center for Program Development and Management, at 717-214-6161 or krsims@pa.gov.

Comments About Proposed Requirements For Permanent Records Due January 31st

The Local Government Records Committee, authorized through the Municipal Records Act (53 Pa.C.S. 1381–1389), is proposing a new policy to allow municipalities to keep permanent records in electronic format and updating the existing electronic-records policy found in the Municipal Records Manual.

The Committee requests public comment on the new policy which can be found at <https://www.phmc.pa.gov/Archives/News-Programs/Pages/Current-News.aspx>. Interested persons are invited to submit written comments, suggestions or objections regarding the proposed policy by submitting a form on the State Archives web site or they may be submitted to the Local Government Records Committee, c/o Cynthia Bendroth, Chief, Records Services Division, State Archives, Historical and Museum Commission, 350 North Street, Harrisburg, PA 17120 or 717-783-7330, RA-LocalGovernment@pa.gov no later than January 31, 2019

Next ACBA Meeting...



March 18, 2019

ACBA Association Staff

Mayor Ron Harris.....President
 Mr. David Bolton.....Vice President
 Sandy Conrad.....Secretary
 Councilor Charlene Westcott.....Treasurer

Special Interests

PSAB Liaison..... Mr. David Bolton
 ACBA Legislative Committee..... Mr. David Bolton
 AC Transportation Planning Org... Mr. David Bolton
 AC Transportation Planning Org... Mr. David Hazlett
 AC Transportation Planning Org... Councilor Susan Naugle
 AC COG..... Mayor Ron Harris
 AC Land Conservancy..... Mr. Bill Chantelau

Take care on the Roads!