

Vice President David Wheeler called the July 22, 2010 Adams County COG meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

The following members were present: **Boroughs:** Abbottstown, Biglerville, Carroll Valley, East Berlin, Littlestown; **School Districts:** Conewago Valley School District and Gettysburg; **Townships:** Franklin, Freedom, Germany, Hamiltonban, Highland, Huntington, Mt. Joy, Mt. Pleasant, Oxford, Straban, Tyrone, **County:** Adams.

Others present were: Skip Strayer, Spokesperson for 33<sup>rd</sup> District State Senator Richard Alloway; Judy Chambers, Penn State Extension Office.

**PRIOR MEETING MINUTES: A MOTION WAS MADE BY KELLET (FREEDOM TOWNSHIP) AND SECONDED BY WEIKERT (ADAMS COUNTY) TO APPROVE THE JUNE 24, 2010 MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**TREASURERS REPORT:** The Treasurer Report showed a balance of \$3,324.65. Duncan reported that there was no activity in this month's account.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY GORDON (HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP) AND SECONDED BY HAMM (STRABAN TOWNSHIP) TO APPROVE THE TREASURER REPORT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**OLD BUSINESS:** Vice President Wheeler announced that the Nominating Committee is in need of another member and a Chair person. No one indicated that they were interested at this meeting. Wheeler requested the group to consider the position.

Hamm (STRABAN TOWNSHIP) reported that the Emergency Services Committee are not ready to do a presentation at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Nothing to report.

**REPORTS/DISCUSSION:**

Public Works Committee: Nothing to report.

Website: Dave Hazlett (CARROLL VALLEY) reported that he needed the content for the website. Clayton (EAST BERLIN) suggested that the COG approved the content at a previous meeting. Members were unsure of the approval so a skeletal framework sheet will be sent to each member to review and discuss at the next meeting. If more is needed, Chambers (PENN STATE) agreed to work on it with another member of the COG. This discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

**COG PROJECTS:**

Vice President Wheeler announced that ideas and suggestions for COG projects are welcomed. Suggestions made at this meeting were: 1) Kellet (FREEDOM TOWNSHIP) suggested that the COG sponsor trainings, i.e., Planning, Zoning, Elected Officials, Tools for Growth. He told the group that local talent should be used to lower the cost and make the discussions particular to our area. Chambers (PENN STATE) told him that this has been done and Penn State can co-sponsor more trainings if the COG wants to join them..Kellet (FREEDOM TOWNSHIP) would like to see training include Basics and Advanced topics. .2) Kellet (FREEDOM TOWNSHIP) suggested EMS Committee. Hamm (STRABAN TOWNSHIP) reiterated that this committee is underway.

Raub (TYRONE TOWNSHIP) suggested that the COG invite COMCAST and the local phone company to come to meetings this year to discuss their upgrades and Broadband capabilities. Weikert (ADAMS CO.) and Strayer (SEN. ALLOWAY) discussed some possibilities for Broadband. Raub (TYRONE TOWNSHIP) asked that this information be provided to the COG during 2010.

**OPEN DISCUSSION:** 1. Adams County Commissioners: Weikert (ADAMS CO.) announced that the North Gettysburg Trail will be started soon. The Reassessment process was discussed. All formal appeals must be applied for before August 10, 2010.

2. Township Supervisors Association: McMaster (OXFORD TOWNSHIP) announced that anyone who has business ads for the Fall Conference should give them to Egger immediately. He suggested that the COG adopt the Resolution that is "Opposition to Forced Local Government Mergers and Consolidations". This sample resolution was provided to townships from PSATS. Strayer (SEN. ALLOWAY) told the group that this effort is not going anywhere.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY GORDON (HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP) TO ADOPT THIS RESOLUTION.**

Discussion on the COG taking this type of action. Raub (TYRONE TOWNSHIP) suggested that the wording could be modified to state that this group does not favor it in Adams County. Gordon (HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP) told the group that his motion died for lack of a second. Hamm (STRABAN TOWNSHIP) asked that this be carried on the agenda for the next meeting so that everyone has an opportunity to read the resolution before it would be voted on. Vice President Wheeler agreed.

3. State Legislators: Skip Strayer (SEN. ALLOWAY) gave a brief explanation of Act 46. Weikert (ADAMS Co.) asked Strayer (SEN. ALLOWAY) about Unemployment benefits.

4. Vice President Dave Wheeler announced that the Adams County Tax Committee July meeting was cancelled due to a lack of a quorum. The next meeting will be held on September 1, 2010 at 7pm at the Emergency Services building. Also, Good Ole Days in Littlestown was announced.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** The speaker, Bicky Redman, Adams County Environmental Services, did not attend the meeting.

**VICE PRESIDENT WHEELER ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 9:48 a.m.**

**Next meeting – 8/26/10 at 8:30 am at Adams County Emergency Management Building,  
230 Greenamyre Lane, Gettysburg.**