



Adams County Council of Government

EMS

August 26, 2021

Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Laughman at 8:30 a.m.

Pledge

Moment of Silence

Executive Board present: David Laughman, George Mauser, Pat Smith & Danielle Helwig

Members Present: Arendtsville, Bendersville, Biglerville, Carroll Valley, Fairfield, Butler, Conewago, Germany, Hamiltonban, Highland, Straban, and County of Adams.

Others Present: Cathernine Wallen (Rep. Ecker), Chris Kimple (Moul), Steve Nevada, Todd Witalec, & Laura Neiderer

A motion was made by Comm. Phiel and seconded by Geiger (East Berlin) to approve the August 2021 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Treasurer Smith presented the treasurers report with no changes.

Speaker: Speaker Karl Pietrzak of Destination Gettysburg, Director since March 2021. Destination Gettysburg advocates for tourism in Adams County. Provided statistics on the covid impact. They are promoting a Crop Hop, similar to the Pour Tour, which provides for agricultural experiences.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion was made regarding the Postal System and the issues with mail delivery. Recommendations are to contact our Legislators.

REGULAR BUSINESS

- A. Adams County Commissioners: Comm. Phiel: spoke on the masking policies within the County facilities. It is now a requirement of the County to wear masks. They are promoting and have created a team to promote vaccinations. Oak Lawn Cemetery is being taken over by Cumberland Township and will eventually be turned over to the County for \$1.00 and will be a 501.3C. The Human Services Building will be getting a repaired roof over the next few years, and they will be adding solar to the roof. Green energy and will not affect any land. Act 75: (protection from abuse): Has created a large number of Guns. The County has expanded the Gun storage.
Jim Martin: Thanked David for the moment of silence for those stranded in Afghanistan at the beginning of the meeting. Stressed the benefit of being at these meetings and the valuable discussions.
- B. Legislative Representatives: Chris Kimple (Moul): Augmented Reality: A hologram program that can help you communicate with someone that may be miles away to work through a problem, whether it be mechanics, veterinary issues etc. Panel discussion will be held with RAYAC in November to discuss

Broadband. Transportation report was presented to the Governor. Focus on ways to increase revenue by either creating new fees or increasing existing fees. Agritourism Liability Protection Act: As long as a list of the known risks are posted that business owner would not be liability. The purchase of a ticket would be your agreement to the known risks. Talk about beginning school after Labor Day.

Cathleen Wallen (Rep. Ecker) commented on the redistricting. It's very important to pay attention to this. Would like all to register at paredistricting.com to provide feedback. Early stages in preparing a job fair in the County and working with the Chamber on this. No date set yet.

- C. Adams County Office of Planning and Development: _____ commented on the long-range transportation plan. 233 responses to the public survey. 107 locations have been identified on the public comment map where there may be issues. Survey is open until end of September. Cecelia will be in touch with all municipalities for input. Plan will be adopted by the end of July.
- D. Township Officials Association: Bob Gordon mentioned the Secretary Luncheon, September 29, 2021
- E. Boroughs Association: Ron Harris, mentioned the next meeting date September 20. The topic will be the Transportation Plan.
- F. PSP: Thanked all the fire police, emergency personnel, and the Sheriff's Department.
- G. Destination Gettysburg: no report
- H. ACTCC: Ron Harris, not present. Gordon mentioned next meeting August 14 at 6:30 p.m. Ron Harris also chairs the YATB and the next meeting in York, (Monday?) at 6:30.
- I. School Districts: no report
- J. AEA: no report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Harris mentioned the ACTCC will meet in November, need people to attend to prepare for 2022.

Bob Gordon mentioned HB 1768(Charter School Funding) has been introduced. Please put on your monthly agendas to speak about COG and remind your Boards to come to the Legislative Forum on October 28, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

David mentioned Bit Coin etc. Nobody is discussing this technology and feels we should be aware of what is coming. He would be happy to put together a presentation on this if there is interest.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle Helwig