

January 28, 2021
Zoom Meeting
President David Laughman, Presiding

President Laughman opened the meeting at 8:30 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Members Present: Arendtsville, Biglerville, East Berlin, Gettysburg, Butler, Conewago, Cumberland, Franklin, Hamiltonban, Highland, Liberty, Oxford, Gettysburg Schools & County of *Adams*

Others Present: Norris Flowers, Healthy Adams County, Sherry Clayton-Williams, Bev Frey, Cathy Wallen, Steve Nevada, Andy Merkel, Chris Kimple, Torren Ecker, Ferd Prehn, & Robin Fitzpatrick.

Minutes: Prehn made a motion to approve the December 2020 minutes, second by Phiel. Motion carried

Treasurers Report: None to report

Regular Business:

Destination Gettysburg, Norris Flowers: Reported that they have had a small recovery in November & December, But with Wolf's Orders there was a downfall during the holidays. The first quarter of 2021 is starting off slow. Mr. Flowers announced his retirement as of April 1, 2021. Congratulations!

Bev Frey, For Senator Mastriano: The Hanover office is now permanently closed. The Senator is currently serving on the following committees: Intergovernmental Operations, Game & Fish, Agriculture and Rural Affairs, Education & State Government.

Rep. Torren Ecker: Rep Ecker is currently serving on the following committees: Game and Fish, Judiciary, Labor & Industry and Appropriations. He reported that 2 Constitutional amendments have been presented to the House. 1. Limiting Government Power during an emergency and 2. A bill eliminating the statutes of limitations on such issues as the Catholic criminal investigations.

Speaker: Healthy Adams County Executive Director, Kathy Gaskin: This year marks the 25th Anniversary of Healthy Adams County, which was started in 1996. They are a 501 C3 Non-Profit organization. Their mission is to develop and promote efforts toward improving physical, mental and social well-being for residents of our community. They have been instrumental in the Steriles Program. 900 pounds of needles has been collected since June 2020. They are looking for support to put together a fund to help with supplies and maintenance. Kathy will forward the presentation to David for distribution to the group.

New Business:

- **At Home Adams County is hosting a virtual Broadband Summit February 22 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

Regular Business Continued:

- a. **Adams County Commissioners:** Commissioner Phiel reported that the County is open by appointment only. The Prison and the EMS buildings are closed. 9.3 Million dollars was provided through the Fair Cares Act. Thank the Planning Office for their help with this process. Mr. Phiel spoke on the Elections in

Adams County. The County has provided the Historical Society with 1 million dollars for their project. Commissioner Qually reported that the Mercy House (Men's Recovery House) is near completion. There are plans to move forward with a Women's Recovery House. Mr. Qually is a supporter of Broadband expansion and focusing on educating the public on the elections process.

- b. Legislative Representatives:** Chris Kimple, Rep. Moul, reported that Rep. Moul is on the following committees: Agriculture & Rural Affairs, Local Government Committee, House Tourism Committee & Center for Rural PA. He is in support of several Constitutional Amendments. Feels it is important to solve the problems within the elections process. Rep Moul Thanks the Election Staff.
- c. Adams County Planning – no report**
- d. ACATO- no report**
- e. Borough Association – no report**
- f. PSP – no report**
- g. Destination Gettysburg: see above**
- h. ACTCC- no report**
- i. School Districts- no report**
- j. AEA -Robin Fitzpatrick** reported on the Zoom Summit on Broadband, why we need it and how it impacts our community. York County has done this and Adams County will be reviewing their plan.

Committee Reports:

- a. AC Collaboration – no report**
- b. Legislative –** Bob Gordon reported the committee is working on the legislative priorities for the year. The next meeting is February 16. Decided to post pone the April Legislative Forum, now tentatively scheduled for May 27 at the EMS beginning at 6:30 p.m.
- c. Emergency Services –** Barb Underwood reported that AREMS handled 7687 calls in 2020. Broadband will have a direct impact on emergency services.

Public Comment:

Announcements:

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:29 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Danielle Helwig
Butler Township Secretary**