

Adams County COG  
MINUTES

February 25, 2021  
Zoom Meeting

President Laughman called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Pledge to the Flag

The following members were present:

Others present: Sandy Garcia (Casey), Alex Hays, Sherri Clayton-Williams, Torren Ecker, Cathy Wallen, Steven Nevada, Andrew Markel, PSP, Norris Flowers, Ron Harris, Bev Frey (Mastriano)

Minutes: On a motion made by Prehn and seconded by Geiger the January minutes are approved. Motion carried

Treasure's report: Balance \$7746.18

New Business:

- Legislative Priorities: Bob Gordon discussed the list of Legislative priorities that were emailed to all municipalities. There were suggestions for additional items. Menallen Township would like to see something done to require utilities to bury their utilities at least 30 inches deep. Chris Bigger suggested cyber charters. Grant application fees. A motion to adopt the current list will be put on the floor in March. The legislative forum is tentatively scheduled for May 27.

Regular Business:

Legislative Representatives:

- Cathy Wallen (Rep. Ecker)- Rep. Ecker is focusing on County money to help restaurants and businesses. Rent rebate questions should be directed to the local office.
- Bev Frey (Sen. Mastriano)- mentioned budget hearings to start March 8. Scott is leaving office and Josh Herman will be taking his place.
- Sandra (Casey)- Mentioned the Confirmation Hearings and the American Rescue Plan

ACC:

- Commissioner Phiel mentioned that medical health issues are on the priority list. The County has been meeting with Wellspan to finalize the Covid Vaccination center that will be at the EMS building and opening March 15, 2021. This is not a walk-in service, you must have an appointment. Phiel also talked

about the Hospitality Recovery Plan. 1.3 million pass through dollars. AEA will be handling this.

#### ACOPD

- Andy Merkal mentioned PennDOT transportation. Looking at more funding for electric vehicles. Liquid fuels/gas tax, Census information and definition changes to Urban and Rural areas.

#### Destination Gettysburg

- Norris Flowers mentioned the current tourism statistics. Norris has 27 days until retirement.

#### Schools

- Chris Bigger, Littlestown Schools mentioned Cyber/Charter Funding. Bob Gordon requested the Schools let COG know how we can help.

#### Committee Reports

Ron Harris is working with Mt St Mary's to complete a survey establishing base line for IT needs & training needs.

Bob Gordon mentioned cyber security insurance policies and that Municipalities should consider adding this to their policies.

#### Public Comment

Bob Gordon mentioned Steriles funding and if COG will consider donations. Ann Geiger mentioned the possibility of municipalities budgeting a figure (100.00) each year to put towards the Steriles funding.

Alex Hayes provided his contact number: 717-253-9413

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:54 a.m. Motion by Phiel and seconded by Gordon. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Danielle Helwig  
Secretary