

President Barbara Underwood called the August 26, 2010 Adams County COG meeting to order at 8:36 a.m.

The following members were present: **Boroughs:** Abbottstown, Arendtsville, Biglerville, Carroll Valley, East Berlin, Gettysburg, Littlestown; **School Districts:** Bermudian Springs, Fairfield, Gettysburg, Littlestown **Townships:** Cumberland, East Berlin, Franklin, Germany, Hamilton, Hamiltonban, Highland, Huntingdon, Mt. Joy, Oxford, Straban, Tyrone,

Others present were: Skip Strayer, Spokesperson for 33rd District State Senator Richard Alloway; Representative Will Tallman and Jordan Gouker for 193rd District State Representative, Judy Chambers, Penn State Extension Office, Emily Kellet for Collaborating For Youth; Don Cole, Adams County TV.

PRIOR MEETING MINUTES: A MOTION WAS MADE BY HAMM (STRABAN TOWNSHIP) AND SECONDED BY GORDON (HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP) TO APPROVE THE JULY 22, 2010 MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Hamm (STRABAN TOWNSHIP) requested that the secretary sign the minutes which was not previously done. COG concurred to take this action

TREASURERS REPORT: The Treasurer Report showed a balance of \$3,085.56. President Underwood reported the Gettysburg Times billed Carroll Valley directly for the line painting advertisement and that amount was reimbursed to Carroll Valley by the participating entities, as required. She announced that the report was accepted as read.

OLD BUSINESS: President Underwood announced that the COG received a thank you letter from East Berlin regarding their participation with BENECON Health Care. Other municipalities are looking into the same company.

President Underwood announced that a Nominating Committee Chair is needed to move ahead with plans for 2011. Russell Raub (TYRONE TOWNSHIP) accepted this position. The other members of the committee are: Sharon Hamm (STRABAN TOWNSHIP) and Brad Hunt (GETTYSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT).

Sharon Hamm (STRABAN TOWNSHIP) announced that the Emergency Services Committee continues to work on their presentation to the COG.

NEW BUSINESS: Emily Kellet from Collaborating For Youth was present to discuss the "Prescription Drug Take Back day" on 9/25/10 from 10 am until 20m. She can be reached at 338-0300 x 26 or drugfree@cfygettysburg.com.

President Underwood announced the Alternative Energy Training to be held in Harrisburg on 9/2/10

REPORTS/DISCUSSION:

Public Works Committee: Tom Shealer was absent.

Website: At the previous meeting, a web site proposal was discussed and the same was sent out with the minutes for all to review. President Underwood explained that the cost of the web site may be a varied rate but a small web site for 5 pages would be at a cost of 3 months for \$4.99 per month or 12 months for \$4.49 per month. Dave Hazlett (CARROLL VALLEY) is willing to put it on the web site for the

COG. Discussion on collection of data. Chambers (PENN STATE) asked if the format that was sent out to the members was accepted.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY HAMM (STRABAN TOWNSHIP) TO GO WITH THIS FORMAT AND GET IT UP AND RUNNING AND TWEAK IT AS WE GO. MOTION SECONDED BY SPENCE (FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP). MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MCMASTER (OXFORD TOWNSHIP) AND SECONDED BY GORDON (HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP) TO PURCHASE THE WEB SITE FOR THE 12 MONTHS PERIOD. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Discussion on getting the information to the correct person. Hamm (STRABAN TOWNSHIP) suggested that everyone send the information to Dave Hazlett (CARROLL VALLEY).

A MOTION WAS MADE BY HAMM (STRABAN TOWNSHIP) AND SECONDED BY MCMASTER (OXFORD TOWNSHIP) TO SEND THE WEB SITE INFORMATION DIRECTLY TO DAVE HAZLETT (CARROLL VALLEY). MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COG PROJECTS:

President Underwood announced that she is working on the idea of getting COMCAST to speak at an upcoming meeting on Broadband. Also, Bicky Redman will be coming to discuss Alternate Energy. Suggestion made by Chambers (PENN STATE) to have the Water Advisory Committee at a COG meeting to discuss their work in the county. Hunt (GETTYSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT) asked if the municipalities needed more information on Electric Purchasing issue. Discussion on grants and Act 129.

PUBLIC COMMENT: The speaker, Don Cole, Adams County Television (ACTV) was present to discuss the work that New Oxford Borough is doing with them. ACTV is requesting that COMCAST provide grant monies to their station since they are a Public, Educational and Government (PEG) station. These grants are available but COMCAST has not provided them to ACTV. Therefore, New Oxford Borough is acting as a broker for the station and requests that all municipalities in Adams County sign a letter of support. Cole was not asking for any donations from the COG or franchise fees. Discussion on franchise fees and ACTV income. Cole provided a contact for COMCAST regarding franchise fees of Todd Euchus.

OPEN DISCUSSION 1. Representative Will Tallman announced his breakfast to be held on September 3, 2010 at 8am at East Berlin. Also, he briefly discussed H.B. 2431 (County Government proposal) and H.B. 1500 (Police Force issue if no 24/7 Police Force in the municipality). Hunt questioned Tallman on H.B. 1275 that would take taxes to a statewide collection. Tallman explained that this will not be moving from committee but he would offer an amendment if it did move. Tallman stated his motivation is to eliminate real estate taxes.2. Adams County Boroughs Association – Harris (CARROLL VALLEY) announced their meeting which included the speaker is PSAB's President to discuss the revision of the borough code. 3. Township Supervisors Association: Egger (HAMILTON TOWNSHIP) announced their Fall Conference on 11/10/10 and the PSATS Director will be speaking. Strayer (SEN. ALLOWAY) told the group that this effort is not going anywhere. 4. Hunt (GETTYSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT) explained

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the district's requirement to bus non-public school students and two Charter Schools are located in Keefaufer building. Further, he explained that Zoning Hearings are being held regarding the starting of a Technical School being started in Adams County. Sandra William (CONEWAGO SCHOOL DISTRICT) discussed bridge repairs and cyber schools in her district. Further, she is retiring and a replacement will be coming to the COG meetings. Sewell (FAIRFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT) discussed their student achievement scores and YATB and TCC meetings. 5. Chambers (PENN STATE) announced some PSATS and LTAP courses coming to Adams County. The Traffic Sign management is one of those courses. More courses are planned for a two day event on PA Municipal Education Institute. She asked if the COG wanted to be involved in those two day events. COG concurred to be included in a less intensive event. She will keep working on it. 6. Strayer from (Sen. Alloway's Office) announced that the state is working on a new Transportation bill which is currently 71 pages.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY STEIN HOUR (HIGHLAND TOWNSHIP) AND SECONDED BY GORDON (HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP) TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 10:12 a.m.

Next meeting – 9/23/10 at 8:30 am at Adams County Emergency Management Building, 230 Greenmyer Lane, Gettysburg.

Signed,

Sandra L. Vazquez
Secretary