

September 23, 2021

EMS

President David Laughman, Presiding

1. **Welcome and Introductions (President)**
2. **Pledge to the Flag**
3. **Present: Arendtsville, Fairfield, Conewago, Franklin, Highland, Straban, County of Adams, Sherri Clayton-Williams, Andrew Merkel, Laura Neiderer, Bicky Redman, Steven Navada, Torren Ecker, & Catherine Wallen**

Quorum: No

4. **Motion to approve the Minutes of the Regularly Scheduled Meeting of August 2021.**
 - a. **Approved: No Action**
5. **Treasurer's Report**
 - a. **Approved: Reviewed by Treasurer; No Action**
6. **Speaker: Ramona MacIntyer: Development Specialist from Love146(www.love146.org) a non-profit dedicated to "The end of child trafficking and exploitation. Nothing less."**
7. **New Business:**
 - **Solid waste procurement process modification**
 - **Per Adams County Manager and Planning Office representatives, Adams County cannot act as the principal in the pending solicitation due to legal risk to the county. The bidding codes provide no limit of liability as the representative of the collective municipalities. Municipalities will have to conduct solicitations alone or as part of a bidding coalition. The county will continue to assist with advice and provide a process framework, and recommends use of PENNBID. A letter of explanation to municipalities will be issued.**
 - **Call box/Fire response coverage discussion**
 - **Per the Adams County Director of Planning, the county does not own the data required to update the Fire Study coverage tables. Data is owned by the municipalities and the county requires approval to access the data. Intent is to transition to a parcel-based system updated annually and to seek technical engagement with the fire companies. A letter of explanation to municipalities will be forthcoming.**
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8. **Regular Business**
 - a. **Adams County Commissioners**
 - **Commissioner Qually highlighted that this period are the tax appeal and budgeting seasons.**

b. Legislative Representatives

- Rep. Torren Ecker briefly reviewed the recent legislative history related to human trafficking. Noted that PA is 10th in the nation for trafficking and that Rt. 15 is a major trafficking corridor.

c. Adams County Planning Office:

- Extended discussion of solid waste procurement process as noted above.
 - Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Update: Encouraged public survey responses.
 - Scheduling and conducting LRTP outreach meetings with municipalities.
- Extended discussion of call box/fire response coverage as noted above.

d. Township Officials Association

- No Report

e. Boroughs Association

- Community TV is to provide a broadband update at the next BA meeting.

f. PSP

- Confirmed guest speaker's report that trafficking is everywhere.

g. Destination Gettysburg

- No Report

h. ACTCC

- No Report

i. School Districts

- No Report

j. AEA

- No Report

9. Committee Reports

a. AC Collaboration

- No Report

b. Legislative

- No Report

c. Emergency Services

- No Report

10. **Public Comment (General):** There was a query about the status of stimulus allocation spending guidance. Discussion indicated that the U. S. Treasury has not finalized the relevant rules and that those following the Interim Rule “should be OK.” Final rules are expected to be issued in October or November. Recommendation is for municipalities to consult with DCED.

11. **Announcements**

- **Reminder: Legislative Forum October 28, 2021 (6:00 p.m.)**

12. **With no further business the meeting was adjourned**

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle Helwig

Secretary

Note: NEXT MEETING – October 28, 2021

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