

Adams County Council of Government
Meeting Minutes
December 16, 2021
Adams County Arts Council

1. Chairman Laughman opened the meeting at 8:30 a.m.
2. Pledge
3. Members Present: Arendtsville, Bendersville, Carroll Valley, Fairfield, Butler, Cumberland, Germany, Hamiltonban, Highland, Straban & County of Adams

Others Present: Andrew Merkel (ACOPD), Steve Nevada (County Manager) & LT. Todd Witalic (PSP)
4. Minutes
 - November minutes: NO Quorum, minutes will be approved January 2022
5. Treasure Report
 - The balance in the checking account is \$5806.73. We will have a line item in the budget for rental of facilities, \$200.00. Dues will remain the same 100.00.
6. Speaker: Shawn Eckenrode, Director for the Adams County Tech Prep Program (ACTIO)
 - Adams County Technical Institute provides hands -on career and technical education to juniors and seniors. The Pennsylvania Department of Education -approved programs are provided through Adams County high Schools, operating together with colleges and technical schools. Students in Adams County attend for free.
 - They offer seven programs that provide opportunities for apprenticeships, internships, industry certifications, and college credit. After graduation, the students have skills they need to attend post -secondary school., further their professional training, or begin their career. (www.acti-pa.org)
7. New Business
 - Nominating Committee: (Coleen Reamer, Barb Underwood & Jack Ketterman) Colleen thanked the current officers. Danielle Helwig and Pat Smith will continue to serve as Secretary and Treasure. This is the first year that we have entered the new year without a President or Vice President firmly in place.
 - Meeting dates will continue on with the same schedule, 4th Thursday of the Month, unless otherwise noted due to Holidays.
8. Regular Business
 - a) ACC: Steve Nevada commented that the Adams County Giving Spree was the most successful in the nation. Affordable housing on Biglerville Rd, Meadow View (36 units), County in support of this project. Wellspan asked to relay information regarding COVID. CCAP reviewed top priorities: Human Services workforce, broadband expansion, children

and youth, election integrity, 911 funding, & election funding resources. Oak lawn will be transferred to the County and established as a Non-Profit.

- b) Legislative Representatives: No report
- c) Adams County Planning Office: Andy commented that GIS data use forms were distributed to Municipalities to authorize GIS work to digitize the fire box card data. Congress passed the Transportation Bill. Adams County is to receive 14 million. This Federal money is limited to certain uses.
- d) Township Officials Association: Bob Gordon commented the ex-board will be meeting next week. John Aldridge has been appointed as President and still looking for a vice president. There is a by-law proposal to consolidate the Secretary and Treasurer position, which has been sent to the Townships with only 6 replies so far. Bea from Highland Township will serve as secretary/treasurer.
- e) Boroughs Association: Mayor Ron Harris commented the next meeting is January 17, 2022. ACCTC meeting February 2nd, YTB meeting January 24. Merry Christmas.
- f) PSP: Merry Christmas & Stay safe
- g) Destination Gettysburg: No Report
- h) ACTCC: Mentioned above: Meeting Feb 2
- i) School Districts: No report
- j) AEA: No Report (Bob Gordon mentioned they have sent out their dues letters)

9. Committee Reports

- a) AC Collaboration: No Report
- b) Legislative: No Report
- c) Emergency Services: on behalf of Barb Underwood, Coleen Reamer commented that Ryan Wheeler is the new Chief Executive Officer of AREMS. Will start in Feb 2022.

Public Comment (General)

- Danielle Helwig mentioned that she is looking into the Sterner building at the Gettysburg Rec Park for the next meeting.
- Discussion on meeting attendance.
- David Laughman, thanked everyone for allowing his time to serve as President.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle Helwig
Secretary (Butler Township)