

President Gus Fridenvalds called the April 23, 2015 Adams County COG meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

The following members were present: **Boroughs:** Abbottstown, Arendtsville, Biglerville, Carroll Valley, East Berlin, Fairfield, Gettysburg and Littlestown. **Townships:** Conewago, Cumberland, Franklin, Germany, Hamilton, Hamiltonban, Highland, Huntington, Oxford, Reading, Straban, and Tyrone. **Schools:** Gettysburg Area School District. **Adams County:** Marty Qually, Randy Phiel and Jim Martin.

Others present were: Lori Lencheski and Andrew Merkel, Adams County Office of Planning and Development; Patrick Taylor, Adams Regional EMS Board; Scot Pitzer from Senator Alloways' office; Chris Kimple from Representative Moul's office; Beth Kanagy, Gettysburg Times; Carl Whitehill, Stacey Fox and Norris Flowers, Destination Gettysburg.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PREHN (ARENDSVILLE BOROUGH) AND SECONDED BY RAUB (TYRONE TOWNSHIP) TO APPROVE THE MARCH 26, 2015 MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

TREASURERS REPORT: President Fridenvalds announced that the Treasurer's report which showed a balance as of 3/31/15 of \$9,277.29 was provided to the membership and was approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

NEW BUSINESS: President Fridenvalds introduced the speakers from Destination Gettysburg organization. Norris Flowers, President, spoke to the COG membership and guests and explained their part in the tourism industry. They were formerly known as the Gettysburg Convention and Visitors Bureau and Gettysburg Travel Council. He introduced staff members Stacey Fox and Carl Whitehill. He brought attention to the importance of tourism in Adams County and the taxes and other revenues that this industry brings to the county. The website for this organization is www.destinationgettysburg.com or contact by phone at 717-338-1050.

Commissioner Marty Qually provided information to the group on the upcoming Free WiFi project. He explained that four businesses on the Gettysburg square have teamed up with the county to provide free WiFi for the month of May. The test will present its positives and negatives that the county and local businesses. Qually hopes to have this effort grow into other parts of the county.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. C. Collaboration Committee. President Fridenvalds announced that a meeting was held for this committee.

Legislative Committee: Chairman Paul Bart (READING TOWNSHIP) announced that a meeting was held on April 16, 2015. They discussed the list of legislative priorities and hope to present an email to the membership on the list within the next month. They will continue to report back on the ongoing response to the priorities list.

OLD BUSINESS (continued):

Adams County Joint Purchasing/Public Works: President Fridenvalds asked the COG members for someone to volunteer for this committee's chairperson. Please contact him if you are interested.

Adams County Hazardous Mitigation Planning: Municipalities were to have their resolutions that approved this plan returned back to the Adams County Emergency Services office before April 17, 2015.

Emergency Services: Barb Underwood (CUMBERLAND TOWNSHIP) introduced Sam Taylor who is on the board for the Adams Regional Emergency Medical Services. She announced that Fairfield Fire Company will be contracting with Adams Regional Emergency Medical Services for the delivery of ALS to their territory. Commissioner Martin stated that the northern end of the county are to be included for ALS under Biglerville Fire Department or Cumberland County depending on their location. Discussion on new assignments of box cards. Bob Gordon (HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP) reminded the group that these assignments are between the municipalities and the fire chiefs. Mayor Harris (CARROLL VALLEY) suggested that information be included in the website on this issue. President Fridenvalds asked that the COG wait until all the organizations are up and running before information is posted. He reminded everyone that municipalities are responsible for emergency services. Andy Raymond (EAST BERLIN) asked the COG members to attend a breakfast on April 30, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. at 130 West King Street, East Berlin to display new fire equipment.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

- Adams County Commissioners: Commissioner Jim Martin reported that the Adams County Prison Correctional Officers received Stress Management Training after the shooting last week. The event is being assessed. Also, he told the group that the legislature is working on the 911 system funding and Act 13 funds. Adams County Economic Development Corp. is moving forward on their projects.

Commissioner Marty Qually gave a presentation to the group on a WiFi project that the county and four businesses on the square are undertaking in the month of May. They will provide free WiFi and the county IT Department is monitoring it. Discussion on pros and cons. Qually hoped that this will be a positive experience and will grow to more locations in the county; however, this is a pilot program.

Commissioner Randy Phiel commented on the closing of county offices during the shooting at the Prison. He explained that this was done to secure the public and employees during a 30 minute period of time when exact details of the event were unknown. The county is enhancing the security of the prison. He reiterated the start of the ALS groups and Gordon (HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP) announced that Wellspan sent out their 90 day notice that they will no longer be providing the ALS services. Phiel thanked Barbara Underwood (CUMBERLAND TOWNSHIP) and Sam Taylor for serving on the board.

OPEN DISCUSSION (continued):

Also, Commissioner Phiel stated that Steve Sherm, Adams County IT Director, is retiring but will be on contract to complete the current ongoing projects. Lastly, Phiel announced that anyone who wishes to receive the county newsletter that he sends out called "TGIF" to receive it contact him at rphiel@adamscounty.us.

- Township Officials Association: Barb Underwood (CUMBERLAND TOWNSHIP) reported that Coleen Reamer (HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP) thanked the five townships that donated items for the Adams County Basket. The basket was awarded at one of the "guest events" for the PSATS Convention. The next newsletter for the association will be sent out in early May. Watch for information on the Mid-Year Conference being held on Wednesday, May 27, 2015 at the EMS Center and the speaker topic will be Personnel Manuals. Please send your questions on Personnel Manuals to Stephanie Egger at Hamilton Township at this email address saehamiltontownship@yahoo.com so she can forward them to the speaker to address. Also, the Secretarial Roundtable/Forum and Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, July 29, 2015 (please forward any topic that secretaries want to cover to Stephanie Egger in Hamilton Township). We are still looking for responses from our membership on the training sessions suggested in the March newsletter. Important notice: **THE NOVEMBER CONVENTION WILL BE ONE WEEK LATER THIS YEAR BECAUSE OF VETERANS DAY. THE DATE IS WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 18.**
- Borough's Association/ACTCC: Mayor Ron Harris (CARROLL VALLEY BOROUGH) announced that the meeting dates for YATB/ACTCC are available on their website at yatb.com
- School Districts: Brad Hunt (GETTYSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT) added that the YATB website has dates listed for the YCTCC also. Please be sure to watch for the **ACTCC meetings** for Adams County and YATB for the joint meetings. Hunt continued that it is the budget season for school and they are awaiting the state information. Also, that standardized testing is completed. He thanked the COG for working with the schools.
- Adams County Economic Development Corporation (ACEDC) Lori Lencheski (Planning Department) reported that meetings were held in Harrisburg regarding upcoming stat funding.
- Adams County Office of Planning and Development Director (ACOPD) Andrew Merkel announced that the Planning Office is looking into roadwork training opportunities. There will be some surveys sent out to the municipalities on this issue.
- Legislative: Scot Pitzer from Senator Alloway's office reported that they are working on the state budget. Items being considered are property, sales and earned income taxes. A pet protection hearing was held in Gettysburg recently.

Legislative (continued):

Additionally, Pitzer reported on these items: (1) an amendment to the Sunshine Act regarding collective bargaining discussions, (2) Medical Cannabis (3) Sally Kohr retired (4) The Rock Creek project is upcoming in 2017 and will not close all lanes of traffic but will bring it down to a single lane. Contact his office for questions at www.senatoralloway.com

Chris Kimple from Representative Moul's office reported that these items are being considered by the House: (1) small games of chance amendments (2) 911 Funding bill (3) Body Camera bill amendment to include Sherriff Departments.

Kimple informed the group that Act 89 Funds from last year's PA Transportation bill has not been fully enacted; however, Adams County is starting to see some of the funds coming back to us in the form of the increased liquid fuels allocations. Municipalities should be checking their allocations for this year.

- **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Vice President Andy Raymond (EAST BERLIN) announced a public event being held at York Springs Fire Department on April 25
- **THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY PRESIDENT FRIDENVALDS at 9:46 a.m.**

Signed,

Sandra L. Vazquez
Secretary