

President Barbara Underwood called the March 25, 2010 Adams County COG meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

The following members were present: **Boroughs:** Abbottstown, Arendtsville, Biglerville, East Berlin, and Gettysburg. Littlestown; **School Districts:** Fairfield, Gettysburg, Conewago Valley; **Townships:** Carroll Valley, Cumberland, Franklin, Freedom, Germany, Hamiltonban, Highland, Huntington, Mt. Pleasant, Oxford, Straban, Tyrone, **County:** Adams County.

Others present were: Marcy Hagarman, Conewago Township Manager, Rick Hise, Adams County Mapping Dept.; John Messner, Gettysburg Times Reporter.

PRIOR MEETING MINUTES: A MOTION WAS MADE BY KELLET (FREEDOM TOWNSHIP) AND SECONDED BY GORDON (HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP) TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 25, 2010 MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

TREASURERS REPORT: Lori Duncan, Treasurer reviewed the February 2010 Treasurer Report and reported that all dues have been collected and no activity this month.

OLD BUSINESS: President Underwood that the positions needed for the Nominating Committee will be held over until the fall when they are needed. We will carry it on the agenda as a reminder.

NEW BUSINESS: President Underwood announced that Marcy Hagarman from Conewago Township has been visiting our meetings and this township is making plans to join the COG.

Sharon Hamm (Straban Township) asked that those who would be interested in carpooling to the PSATS conference to sign up on the sheet being passed around the group

Paul Kellet (Freedom Township) requested that the COG look at the emergency services in the county for the purpose of making recommendations to the group. For example, checking for any duplication of services and S. Hamm (Straban Township) agreed. President Underwood suggested that those interested do some preliminary review and get back to the group. George Weikert (Adams County) suggested that the group talk to Jerry Pollard, Adams County Emergency Volunteer Services.

REPORTS/DISCUSSION:

Public Works Committee: President Underwood and Bill McMaster (Oxford Township) discussed the Roadmaster meeting. One point of discussion was that the Adams County Emergency Services Radio System Update Committee is looking into the emergency capability of the public works departments in the county. Underwood reiterated to the group that there is a need to communicate with neighboring municipalities, especially during an emergency. She distributed a signup sheet for anyone interested in this project.

Health Care Committee: Brad Hunt (Gettysburg School District) explained to the group that the committee met with Nathan Hockley with Hockley & O'Donnell Insurance Agency on the ability to hold a workshop and give members the options of buying insurance from different providers and plans as a group. However, due to the complexity of the project Hunt suggested that the COG wait on developing the health insurance project. Otherwise, if the group wanted a Trust and could get an estimate from Jack Phillips for the basic health insurance. Since there are so many different types of coverage among the group he continued to suggest that the COG wait on this project. Also, Hunt suggested that the group

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Also, Hunt suggested that the group consider Dental and Vision Insurance plans. He asked for a census of the group if they are interested and Underwood distributed a signup sheet if anyone was interested in Dental and Vision insurance. Russell Raub (Tyrone Township) discussed with Hunt the availability of the survey information on Health Insurance. Discussion on sharing of the information.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PAUL KELLET (FREEDOM TOWNSHIP) TO HAVE ANY INTERESTED PARTIES ATTEND A MEETING WITH THE HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE DATA. MOTION SECONDED BY DAVE WHEELER (LITTLESTOWN BOROUGH). MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Rick Hise from Adams County Mapping Dept. presented information on the county's GIS program. He can be reached at rhise@adamscounty.us or the company that does the mapping contact information is 1-866-832-4768 or www.freeance.com.

Dave Hazlett discussed the project with the Roadmaster meeting of line painting. He asked for anyone interested to provide the I.f. information to him before April 6th. He will put together one order so that there is a group price.

Web Site: Dave Hazlett (Carroll Valley Borough) told the group that no web site has been developed yet except for the basics. Brad Hunt (Gettysburg School District) suggested that he contact a local school district for a possible senior project.

COG PROJECTS:

Equipment Consortium: This is being worked on in conjunction with the Roadmaster meetings.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

Commissioner Weikert reported that the county's reassessment is nearly completed and notices should be sent out in June. When the values are completed they can be viewed on line at www.AdamsCounty.us under reassessment link. The property owner will need a control number and a password which can be obtained through the reassessment office at the courthouse. He reiterated that the market value will be set on 100%. Discussion on tax mill rates. President Underwood suggested that the COG ask Barb Walter from the Tax Assessment office to come and speak to the group about the rates since they will be changing next year. Weikert will make that request to Walter for the month of July.

Weikert reported that the Belmont Road Bridge will be starting soon.

The Adams County Boroughs Association held their meeting and Governor Rendell spoke to the group, Hazlett reported.

The Adams County Township Association is holding their Spring Conference on April 28, 2010 at the Adams County Emergency building at 7pm.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MCMASTER AND SECONDED BY GORDON TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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President Underwood adjourned the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

Next meeting – 4/22/10 at 8:30 am at Adams County Emergency Management Building, 230 Greenmyer Lane, Gettysburg. The next speakers will be: 1) John Eline, Hazardous Mitigation Update. 2) Glen Rowe, PennDot 2010 Road Projects Update