CapCOG Board of Delegates

*ZOOM Meeting*

Monday, February 15, 2021 - 7:00 PM

M I N U T E S

**DELEGATES IN ATTENDANCE:**

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| Conewago Township, Gary Painter  East Pennsboro Township, Terry  Watts  Hampden Township, Al Bienstock, Nate Silcox  Highspire Borough, Mark Stonbraker  Lemoyne Borough, Sue Yenchko, Gale Gallo  Londonderry Township, Anna Dale  Lower Allen Township, Rick Schin | Lower Paxton Township, Norm  Zoumas, Robin Lindsey  Mechanicsburg Borough, John Anthony  Middle Paxton Township, Jim Fisher  Monroe Township, Carl Kuhl  New Cumberland Borough, Rob Kline  Royalton Borough, Terry Watts  Silver Spring Township, Harry  Kotzmoyer | South Hanover Township, Nora Blair  South Middleton Township, Cory  Adams  Swatara Township, Christine Zubeck  Upper Allen Township, Ken Martin  West Hanover Township, Tom  Stewart |

**MUNICIPALITIES NOT IN ATTENDANCE:**

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| Annville Township  Camp Hill Borough  Carlisle Borough  Carroll Township  Dauphin Borough  Derry Township  Dillsburg Borough  East Hanover Township  Fairview Township | Goldsboro Borough  Harrisburg City  Hummelstown Borough  Lower Swatara Township  Marysville Borough  Middletown Borough  Monaghan Township  North Middleton Township  Paxtang Borough | Penbrook Borough  Shiremanstown Borough  Steelton Borough  Susquehanna Township  Swatara Township  Wormleysburg Borough |

**NON-VOTING IN ATTENDANCE:**

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| Vince DiFilippo, Cumberland County Commissioners | CapCOG STAFF  Gary Myers, Executive Director  Rhonda Campbell, Administrative Assistant |

Due to snow, the meeting was held via ZOOM.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Anna Dale, President.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dale, followed by a meeting roll call by Rhonda Campbell.

**Consent Agenda**

The January 2021 Minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve Harry Kotzmoyer. Al Bienstock, seconded. No discussion. Unanimously approved.

The January 2021Treasurer’s Report was reviewed. Motion to approve Ken Martin, Rick Schin seconded. No discussion. Unanimously approved.

**Executive Director’s Report – Gary Myers**

Joint Bids

* Rhonda has worked incredibly hard; worked evenings and weekend so we could have before you tonight for ratification.
* We had four categories where we received no bids: Fleet Materials, Office Supplies, Street Sweeping, and Waste Water/Stormwater Products.
* No requests from members for Public Safety items or vehicles.
* The contract period is 4/1/21-3/31/22.

Motion to ratify the bids. Christine Zubeck, motion. Tom Stewart seconded. Motion was to accept bids with clarification below. Unanimously approved.

*Al Bienstock question: on ferrous sulfate looks like only two members Annville and Hampden Township needed the item. Annville has about 1/3 or less of the quantity shown and yet their price FOB is less than Hampden as is Delivery. Evoqua is the vendor. Why is their price lower for Annville and not Hampden? It is likely due to the geographic location of Annville related to Evoqua’s warehouse/storage site. CapCOG will double check it and get back to Bienstock.*

Morton Salt

* Rhonda and I have spent the vast majority of the week dealing with Morton Salt.
* We worked with them all weekend and we think we have everyone covered now with deliveries getting caught up.
* Hopefully everyone gets their deliveries this week.
* Rhonda has created a matrix to track all the issues.
* We may recommend removing Morton next year from bidding, but we will discuss that after the season.

Annual Dinner:

* March 15 at the Radisson.
* Invitations are out.
* Senator Mastriano is our guest speaker.
* Currently have $10,700 in sponsorships, which is excellent.
* Also, as of now $5,950 in Picnic/Golf sponsorships.

Legislative Priorities:

* Nate Silcox asked for our legislative priorities over the last 5 years.
* We researched resolutions and letters we sent to legislators.
* Focus was on prevailing wage, radar usage by municipal police forces, 1-81 barriers, electronic publication of meetings/notices.

Our thoughts and condolences to Hampden Township; Commissioner Ken Fetrow passed away last week. He was a long-time great servant of Hampden Township, a former police officer. His services are Tuesday and Wednesday. Keep his family in your thoughts and prayers.

Legislative Updates – Nate Silcox

* I asked Gary to put together as start of new year, new session; appreciate what you have there Gary.
* Do we want to renew these priorities or survey to see other interest?
* Rep. Robin has put out RADAR bill and Senator Scavello is putting forth a RADAR piece of legislation as well.
* Hopefully, this is the time we get the bill passed in the House and Senate.

**County and Planning Commission Reports**

Cumberland County Report – Commissioner Vince DiFilippo

* County implemented auto alarm response program which improves 911 response times. Predominately for homes and businesses with alarm systems. Instead of manual intervention when auto alarm goes off, goes to computer aided dispatch. County is now 5th in state using the program. One of 80 throughout the country.
* Claremont Nursing Home – No cases of Covid with residents.
* Rob Kline asked if there are any updates on sale of Claremont. DiFilippo responded that they have narrowed it down to two finalists. Board of Commissioners will be touring facilities of finalists the first week of March. If we decide to sell, we would have a decision mid to late-March.
* Kline - What is the safeguards for low-income folks once sold?
* DiFilippo– 75% of residents are under Medicaid. That will be one of the conditions of sale. Finalists we have now have at least that % in their current facilities. No one will be pushed out of Claremont.
* Kline -Thank you for that information.
* Gail Gallo – I had reviewed minutes from meeting last month. There has been a lot of opposition to the sale of Claremont. This facility is owned by all of us in Cumberland County. Want to make it clear that there have been a number of requests of the Commissioners to either not sell at all or to forestall for a period of time until after the Pandemic. There is a group Saving Claremont circulating a petition with 1700 signatures opposing the sale. Lemoyne and Shippensburg presented letters to Cumberland County requesting Commissioners hold off until after the pandemic due to the uncertainly it could pose for employees/residents. Although we are told no residents forced to leave. There is quite a bit of opposition. We are imploring our Commissioners to step back from the urgency of the sale.

Dale wrapped up the discussion by sharing that the COG is multi-county so thoseof you in Cumberland county can take note of that issue.

Dauphin County – No report. Anna trying to get someone from County Commissioners to come to meeting.

York County – No report. Mark Ryder is was unavailable due to personal reasons.

**PACOG** - Gary Myers

PACOG has not met. Myers asked PACOG a year ago, to arrange a meeting with legislature to get COGs a seat at the table like boroughs and townships. We’ve been asking for 18 months. There are many good councils of government throughout the state and they deserve a seat at the table. Myers shared he will keep trying.

UCC – nothing pending

**Public Safety Committee – Nate Silcox**

* Public Safety Committee met prior to the Board meeting.
* The Safer grant we submitted last wear was $2.8 million; we were not successful.
  + This year’s grant cycle just opened and the due date is 3/8.
  + We would appreciate vote to proceed to apply for this year’s Safer Grant.
  + We have 21 fire companies interested in joining again.
  + In submitting for this year, we thought it best to scale back alittle in terms of the dollar amount we request.
  + We will be asking fire companies for updated data.
  + Our turnaround time is about one week.
  + We will also survey them to review each initiative and see what the priorities are and what we can remove from this year’s grant submission (e.g., turnout gear).
* Nate has added COG to state 911 Advisory and Fire Advisory Board. Hopefully Cog’s voice will be heard on this front.
* HB 134 is Greg Rothman’s RADAR bill. Scavello is introducing another version. But hopefully we get something done. We’ve voted it on it in the Senate the last three years. Hopefully, this year we can get it done.
* HB 47 would create a Department of Local Government and Community Affairs. House moved it out of State Government Committee. Used to have Department of Community Affairs which was merged into DCED. Now it appears some wish to have another separate department. Don’t expect it to get to the finish line.
* Nate – Long time commissioner Frank Linn of Lower Swatara passed away also. He was a Commissioner for over 40 years.

Good of the Order

* Ken Martin – Annual Meeting It is important for sponsors to have the opportunity to participate. However, we should be sure we can have as many of our members present. How is the speaker at Annual Dinner chosen. Myers responded: We ask for recommendations through the year. We look for suggestions. So, if any delegate has a suggestion we listen. No matter who the speaker is. We are asking them not to be making political speech. Senator Mastriano will focus on state government and local government issues.
* Dale agreed we need to value our sponsors, but we must invite our delegates first. Some delegates might not feel comfortable coming out.
* Jim Fisher – We have eight meetings a year. And, we are running about 50% attendance. We can only be as strong as the members who participate. The more participation the more strength, awareness, etc. Perhaps we should talk to our neighboring municipalities to encourage them to attend. Myers responded: We have some municipalities in the meetings, some who participate in programs (salt, joint bids, etc.), and some who don’t get very involved but pay their dues. I agree we need to encourage more attendance at meetings. This year, COVID, has impacted the attendance. We can look at who attends and who isn’t. We can reach out to them and visit their meetings to encourage them to attend.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 PM. Motion by Tom Stewart, seconded by Zubeck. Unanimously approved.