CapCOG Board of Delegates

Hampden Township Building, Room 202

Monday, October 21, 2019 - 7:00 PM

M I N U T E S

**DELEGATES IN ATTENDANCE:**

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| Conewago Township, Gary Painter  East Pennsboro Township, John  Kuntzleman  Goldsboro Borough, Robert Charles  Hampden Township, Nate Silcox  Harrisburg City, Hillary Greene  Lemoyne Borough, Sue Yenchko  Lower Paxton Township, Robin Lindsey | Middle Paxton Township, Julie Seeds Monaghan Township, Vicki Aycock  Monroe Township, Carl Kuhl  New Cumberland Borough, Rob Kline  Royalton Borough, Terry Watts  Silver Spring Township, Harry Kotzmoyer  South Hanover Township, Stephen Cordaro | South Middleton Township, Cory Adams  Susquehanna Township, Tom Pyne  Upper Allen Township, Ken Martin  Wormleysburg Borough, Margie Stuski |

**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 | Highspire Borough  Hummelstown Borough  Londonderry Township  Lower Allen Township  Lower Swatara Township  Marysville Borough  Mechanicsburg Borough  Middletown Borough  North Middleton Township | Paxtang Borough  Penbrook Borough  Shiremanstown Borough  Steelton Borough  Swatara Township  West Hanover Township |

**NON-VOTING IN ATTENDANCE:**

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| Jim Hertzler, County Commissioner  Art Florio, Dauphin County Fair Districts  Michael Kessler, FirstNet, AT&% | CapCOG STAFF  Gary Myers, Executive Director  Rhonda Campbell, Administrative Assistant |

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by V.P. Cory Adams – (Pres. Anna Dale –Excused)

The Pledge of Allegiance led by Vicki Aycock.

Roundtable introductions were made.

**Presentation**

**Michael Kessler, FirstNet**

FirstNet is a public mobile broad band network dedicated for first responders and those who support first responders.

* 2012 signed into law - First Responder Network Authority.
* AT&T has a 25-year contract to build FirstNet NPSBN.
* High level of accountability. $1m fine if 1 person who shouldn't be on network is on it.
* AT&T has $180B in network assets.
* June 30, 2019 data - 9000+ agencies and 720,000+ connections. This is since 2/18 when they could have sign ups.
* Kessler reviewed how FirstNet serves first responders.
* If you have first responders in your community, reach out to Kessler and he'd be happy to come out to meet with you.
* Platform is 80% done in year two of five.
* Dedicated stateside customer service - all were first responders at some point in their lives.

***Q&A***

Sue Yenchko - Does a municipality have to subscribe?

Kessler -Yes, we would come out and see what you are using now. We would look and see if eligible for FirstNet. Then would determine pricing.

Silcox - How do you ensure a coordinated effort between Police and Fire Departments?

Kessler - I meet with people to spread the message and explain how it works; attend volunteer fire fighter meetings.

Hillary Greene - Do you mostly sell from federal or state contracts?

Kessler - FirstNet pricing has its own pricing vehicle. It's typically better than state or federal pricing. Go to firstnet.com - pricing is laid out on the website. Each state's pricing is different. Best bet is to reach out to Kessler for specific pricing.

**Arthur Florio - Dauphin County Fair Districts**

501c3 Educational Non Profit - 785 public events in PA more than 29000 individuals reached. Online petition over 70,000 signatures presented to legislatures. 340 municipalities in PA have passed resolutions calling for independent redistricting commission.

* Update on legislation that would change way we do redistricting in congressional and legislative redistricting.
* Who should be redrawing maps after 2020 census? Bi-partisan discussions. 4 special interest groups, PA league of women voters, common cause, committee of 70 and PA council of churches. These 4 organizations created Fair Districts PA. Non-partisan volunteer citizen led coalition.
* Michigan, Colorado Utah and Missouri last year took redistricting out of legislature and into an independent citizens commission. Four other states already have. Several more considering it.
* Political data is being used to draw districts. Through mapping technology and data mining, creating a lot of maps without consideration of dividing municipalities.
* In PA, two ways to currently redistrict: 1 for congress and 1 for house/senate. Congress - ordinary bill, intro legislation, approved by House and Senate and signed by Governor. House and Senate - minority and majority leader recommend themselves or a member of caucus to serve on a redistricting committee. Those four get together and choose a 5th member to do the redistricting who is a non-elected person who has voting privilege. The Caucus typically never reaches a decision and the Supreme Court steps in 30 days if no one is selected. Supreme Court now leans democratic so 5th person will most likely be democratic and redistricting will favor democrats. If the Supreme Court leans republican, redistricting will favor republicans.
* HB 23 creates an independent citizens redistricting commission. For just members of congress.
* To change PA H/S redistricting, the PA constitution has to be amended. HB22 would allow for redistricting to be done by commission created by HB 23.
* Both bills have approximately 90 sponsors in House.

**Consent Agenda**

July 2019 Minutes - Motion to approve Bob Charles. Seconded by Terry Watts. Unanimously approved.

July 2019 Treasurer's Report - Motion to approve Margie Stuski. Seconded, Charles. Unanimously approved.

**Executive Director's Report**

* Small Cell Tower Meeting - 9/12/19 - Hosted by Rep. DeLozier at LA Township. Attorney Dave Kerr from AT&T represented the wireless interests; Attorney Dan Cohen, Cohen Law Group also attended representing the CapCOG membership and municipal interests. Legislation needs to be fair to municipalities in terms of permit reviews. Rep. DeLozier did an excellent job coordinating this round table. Tom Vernau, Lower Allen Township Manager should also be congratulated for his organizing and facilitating this event.
* Stormwater Roundtable on Government Entities and Fees - 10/3/19 - Many municipalities have or will adopt stormwater fees. Right now, federal and state government agencies aren't paying; they are saying they are taxes. CapCOG encourages members to continue billing government entities until this is resolved. CapCOG is putting a committee together to reach out to legislators. Tremendous mandates for stormwater, but not getting fees paid from govt. entities.
* Managers' Meeting 11/13 @ Lemoyne Borough. Attorney Mike Miller, from Eckert Seamans will be speaker. Foremost authority on labor relations.
* Stormwater Training held at Lower Allen Township - 11/17/19 - 26 attendees. Topic was the maintenance of stormwater facilities.

**Old Business**

* Picnic/Golf Tournament - very successful. 76 picnic; 42 played golf. Profit 9600 60% increase over last year.
* Salt Bid Award - 18 vendor packets back. Eastern Salt receive the delivered bid $69.90/delivery per ton. Riverside Construction pick up for $52/ton. Higher than last year - $10 ton higher; costar prices up this year also. Encourage munis to also bid CapCOG even if you bought from Costars. Motion to approve: Ken Martin. Tom Pyne seconded. Unanimously approved.

**New Business**

* 2020 Annual Dinner RFP was sent. The Dinner will be held in Lower Paxton Township at the Central Hotel and Convention Center. John Baer - Philadelphia columnist, now political columnist for PennLive will be the Keynote Speaker. Has a good sense of humor and really great stories; has written a book on local politics. He'll focus on local, PA politics.
* 2020 Draft Budget was distributed- No action at this meeting. Vote on the budget in November. Balanced budget $257,103. Please be present so that we can pass it in November.

**Cumberland County Report- Jim Hertzler**

* 9/26 celebrated preservation of 20,000 acres of prime farmland in Cumberland County at Paulus farm.
* BOC adopted a new budgetary policy 30/30 - 30,000 acres by 2030. Provide for consistency in our County contribution for farmland preservation.
* Good financial shape; new budget for 2020 in next several weeks. Triple A bond rating; don't anticipate increasing Real Estate taxes (6th year).
* Challenges with Verizon - P25 radio system - significant expense. $1.65 per devise fee reenacted through efforts of Senator Regan. Had that not happened, there would have been a $2 million hole in county budget. This helps with 911.
* Starting to see some things happen with I-81. Cable median barriers to help avoid crossover crashes. Concrete and cable barriers from river to Wertzville, Shippensburg to Penn Twp - cable median barriers.
* HATS - Franklin and Lebanon County MPOs will be meeting to discuss the 100 mile section from Lebanon/Berks line to Maryland Border to see if we can identify strategy for short-term improvements. The meeting is on 11/12at 9 AM at Army Heritage Education Center.
* Voting machines ordered. Express Vote XL system. Fully state certified.
* John Kuntzleman - thanked Commissioner Hertzler for his service.

**Dauphin County - Anna Dale**

* No report.

**Cumberland Perry Joint TF**

* Meeting focused on improvements scheduled in Perry County including the Roundabout at RTS 850 and 34; Drumgold's Corner Park and Ride; Meck's Corner, as well as updates on 11&15 Resurfacing and the Riverlands Implementation.
* There was also a great discussion about the challenges facing Perry County EMS including funding from municipalities and losing paid employees to Dauphin and Cumberland County due to low pay in Perry County.

**York County**

Gary Myers read report for Mark Ryder.

* Work continues on the new county office in East York.
* Work will begin shortly on the new morgue at the prison.
* Budget is being finalized also.

**Committee Reports**

**Legislative Update**- Nate Silcox

* November SR6 studied fire and EMS and came up with 92 recommendations to improve fire and EMS. Sept. house rolled out 20 Bills -starting to vote on this week. Senate is moving out three bills out this week.
* Silcox will email Rhonda Campbell a list of the Bills to be shared with Delegates and Alternates.
* Today house held press conference had 8 fire trucks and rigs; great bipartisan press conference promoting the bills.

**PACOG** - John Kuntzleman.

* Attended the state conference at Nittany Lion Inn, State College.
* Myers also attended.
* Kuntzleman felt the conference was poorly attended and was disappointed that only three CapCOG members were present. We need to get more representation.
* Myers shared that 12 COGS were represented at the conference. CapCOG compared to other COGs, (minus Centre County COG) - is very successful because of everyone who came before us and people in this room. We put things out for members to participate; they decide if they want to participate. Some of the COGs are struggling and haven't had meetings in over the year.
* Cory Adams thanked Gary and Rhonda for their work and encouraged them to reach out if they need help with anything.

**Joint Board of Appeals** - Terry Watts

* No appeals.

**Public Safety** - Nate Silcox

* A Public Safety meeting was held tonight.
* Address issue on volunteer firefighters. How can COG help.
* Federal Safer Grant - we want to apply for the next round. The PSC is recommending the hiring of a professional grant writer at an approximate cost of $4,000 to $5,000.
* We will need member municipalities to reach out to your fire companies in your municipalities to sign off on join us.
* Grant would be to address recruitment and retention COG-wide. Jerry Ozog, Director PFEI and Hampden Fire Fighter - he would assist consultant to be sure grant application is true to what our vision is for recruitment and retention.
* Silcox asked for a vote to authorize staff to proceed looking at and pricing out consultants to make recommendation; to create talking points for BOD to talk with fire departments. Ozog will send us names of consultants. CapCOG will pay for grant writer; if we are successful in getting grant, CapCOG will be reimbursed.
* Myers thanked Margie for her efforts on the Safer Grant last year.
* Motion to endorse concept and move forward: Robert Charles. Seconded by Ken Martin. Unanimously approved.

**Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:19. Motion by Charles. Seconded by Robin Lindsey. Unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Good of the Order**

**Adjourn**

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