

Capital Region Council of Governments Board of Delegates Meeting
Hampden Township Building, Room 202
Monday, July 18, 2016 7:00 pm

MINUTES

DELEGATES IN ATTENDANCE:

Carlisle Borough, Matt Candland	Lemoyne Borough, David Beasley	South Hanover Township, Stephen Cordaro
Conewago Township, Gary Painter	Lower Allen Township, Rick Schin	South Middleton Township, Cory Adams
Dillsburg Borough, Mark Ryder	Lower Paxton Township, Robin Lindsay	Upper Allen Township, Ken Martin
East Hanover Township, Paul Cornell	Middle Paxton Township, Jim Fisher	Wormleysburg Borough, Margie Stuski
East Pennsboro Township, Paul Hartman	Monaghan Township, Vicki Aycock	
Goldsboro Borough, Robert Charles	Monroe Township, Carl Kuhl	
Hampden Township, Nate Silcox	North Middleton Township, James Hare	
Highspire Borough, Terry Watts	Royalton Borough, Terry Watts	

NON-VOTING IN ATTENDANCE:

Bob Reilly, Deputy Chief of Staff for Congressman Scott Perry	Sue Stuart, Wormleysburg Borough Alternate
David Black, President, Harrisburg Regional Chamber/CREDC	Gary Myers
Jim Hertzler, Cumberland County Commissioner	Ann Simonetti, CapCOG Executive Director
	Rhonda Campbell, CapCOG Administrative Assistant

MUNICIPALITIES NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Camp Hill Borough	Londonderry Township	Shiremanstown Borough
Carroll Township	Lower Swatara Township	Silver Spring Township
Dauphin Borough	Mechanicsburg Borough	Steelton Borough
Derry Township	Middletown Borough	Susquehanna Township
Fairview Township	New Cumberland Borough	Swatara Township
Harrisburg City	Paxtang Borough	West Hanover Township
Hummelstown Borough	Penbrook Borough	

President Nate Silcox called the meeting to order and led the pledge to the flag.
Round table introductions were made.

Consent Agenda: Silcox asked for edits to any consent agenda items. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve the June 2016 Minutes and Treasurer's Report. Moved by Rick Schin, seconded by Robert Charles, and passed unanimously.

Presentations:

Bob Reilly, Deputy Chief of Staff for Congressman Scott Perry began by thanking the members for their work. He provided an overview of Congressman Perry's accomplishments and areas of focus.

Heroin/Opioid Crisis: A bill recently passed the house and senate for enhancement to rehabilitation facilities and access to treatment, as well as grants to states and communities for intervention and prevention. It is awaiting signature by President Obama.

Congressman Perry has also worked to provide relief related to Puerto Rico's debt crisis;

Supports a mental health bill that would consolidate the 112 different federal mental health programs;

a \$1.1 billion ZIKA virus bill was passed in the house but did not pass in the senate.

Reilly said that due to the lack of trust in Congress, healthcare and immigration are two areas that are not moving forward. He shared that republicans are doing a better job of making their plans available.

Congressman Perry's priorities include homeland security, foreign affairs and transportation.

Reilly shared a graphic (included with these minutes) showing where federal dollars are spent; 70% of every dollar is untouchable automatic spending for items like social security and Medicare. Stephen Cordaro raised the point that

the last social security reform was in the 1980's set an earned income goal of 90%. Earned Income is currently in the low 80th percentile.

Concerns were shared regarding the Community Development Block Grants and related federal regulations. Another costly mandate to municipalities is the ADA curb cuts required when paving curb to curb. Reilly stated that one of the biggest frustrations is that the agencies do what they want.

Silcox shared concerns about the recent accidents along I-81 and the median barrier resolution adopted by CapCOG members. Silcox asked for assistance on all these types of issues. Reilly requested copies of the CapCOG resolutions, which were sent.

David Black, President of Harrisburg Regional Chamber (HBGRC) and Capital Region Economic Development Corporation (CREDC) addressed the group and thanked them for their work. He noted the success of the Capital Region Council of Governments and commended Ann Simonetti and the Board for their efforts. Black shared information about HBGRC/CREDC, which is 90-95% privately funded. CREDC has provided \$135 million in the past 16 years to help existing and start-up businesses. Some of their more notable recent projects are the Appalachian Brewing Company in Silver Spring Township, the Pizza Grille in Carlisle, Durabond Pipe, and are now working with Giant/Ahold.

CREDC's priorities are to retain and expand area businesses, reuse properties and assets, and attraction of new businesses to the region. He spoke of the success of the Techcelerator in Carlisle which has helped 37 businesses in 16 years; of those, 35 are still in business with success rates of OK to "hitting it out of the park." One of the biggest success stories is Webpage FX started by two Shippensburg University students. Webpage FX currently employs 100 individuals.

Silcox asked for Black's perspective on how well local governments support economic development efforts. Black has not heard a lot of complaints or problems from a local level; typically the problems are at the state level.

Paul Cornell asked where East Hanover can get assistance with tourism promotion. Black will connect Cornell with the Hershey Harrisburg Regional Visitors Bureau (HHRVB).

Executive Director's Report

A written report was distributed. Simonetti further provided an update on these CapCOG efforts:

- Auction will be held on Wednesday
- Picnic & Golf Outing will be held on September 19th at Armitage in Hampden Township. She requested each member solicit a door prize from a local business for the Picnic/Golf Tournament
- The Annual Dinner location has been set at the Sheraton Harrisburg/Hershey on Lindle Road. The Sheraton provided the most competitive bid. This year Picnic will be held on the west shore and the Annual Dinner on the east shore.
- The August Board meeting will be held at HACC so that the Board may participate in the Firefighter Forum. Motion by Mark Ryder; Ken Martin seconded. Unanimously approved.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Margie Stuski discussed CapCOG creating a cooperative purchasing agreement for firefighters and emergency personnel to purchase eyeglasses from the Department of Corrections. The agreement would be with the PA Correctional Industries, which can only sell to municipalities and nonprofits. Stuski is suggesting a pilot program to offer firefighters, emergency personnel and their families discounted eyeglasses. Stuski asked for feedback; none was received.

County and Planning Commission Reports *(reports are sent via email to the municipalities in that county)*

Cumberland County – Commissioner Hertzler expounded on numerous actions taken by the commissioners. A copy of his report was shared at the meeting.

Dauphin County –no report provided

York County – Mark Ryder – Six new caseworkers for Children and Youth were hired. York is currently negotiating a new immigration detainee contract with BICE; they expect a modest rate increase. The 2017 budget process will begin in August.

Committee Reports:

Chesapeake Bay/Stormwater MS4 – Simonetti – President Obama issued an Executive Order in 2009 for Chesapeake Bay clean up in consort with the wishes and efforts of the LGAC on which I serve. EPA has withheld \$\$\$ from PA when they gave a bad report card to the Commonwealth. EPA decided that PA was not doing sufficient compliance with the overall effort and implementation of the WIP. An amendment to HR 5538, was offered by Mr Goodlatte of Virginia stating that none of the funds made available by this Act may be used by the Environmental Protection Agency to take any of the actions described as a “backstop” in the December 29, 2009, letter from EPA’s Regional Administrator to the States in the Watershed and the District of Columbia in response to the development or implementation of a State’s watershed implementation and referred to in enclosure B of such letter.

Perry and Schuster voted “yes”

Legislative Update – Silcox – Distributed a written report. The \$31.5 billion budget passed. As a result, there are two house bills that were introduced: HB 1198 relates to tax reform codes and HB 1605 relates to the Fiscal Code, both are impacted by the budget. Copies of the bills were sent out in the July 22 Weekly Update.

SB299 would allow for tax credits for emergency responders.

There are two bills related to local police use of radar - SB 535 sponsored by Senator Vulakovich and SB559 sponsored by Senator Rafferty. PA is the only state where local police cannot use radar. Radar use by local law enforcement is close to passing in the senate. Silcox said cameras are allowed in work zones and local police may carry guns but are not allowed to use radar guns.

HB 541 sponsored by Representative Kauffman calls for the elimination of the prevailing wage. It is currently in the House Labor and Industry Committee. Adams said a bill was introduced years ago allowing municipalities to opt in or opt out at the local level rather than a statewide mandate. Jim Fisher said this is an antiquated law and suggested this is something CapCOG should be supporting. Simonetti will prepare a draft resolution for Board consideration.

HB1198 sponsored by Representative Dunbar became law as Act 84 allowing for Mixed Use Development Tax Credits.

PACOG – Simonetti said the PACOG annual conference will be held in conjunction with the PSAB Conference on October 14-15 at the Wyndham Hotel in Gettysburg.

Public Safety Committee – No meeting was held in July.

UCC Appeals/Act 45 – Terry Watts - no appeals have been filed

For the good of the order:

Silcox shared that the General Assembly adopted Senate Resolution 60 in 2003 – which produced 23 recommendations on improving the delivery of Fire & EMS services in the Commonwealth. The House and Senate are now reviewing the outcomes of the SR 60 Commission to evaluate what has been done and what areas require continued effort.

Silcox questioned what CapCOG can work on regarding the heroin/opioid crisis.

The meeting was adjourned on motion by Schin, seconded by Charles, and passed unanimously.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, August 15 at HACC so that the Board can attend the Firefighter Forum. The Forum will be held in the North Hall, Room 205, Harrisburg.

Recording Secretary,
Rhonda Campbell