MINUTES

DELEGATES IN ATTENDANCE:

Conewago Township, Gary Painter East Pennsboro Township, John Kuntzelman, Paul Hartman Hampden Township, Nate Silcox Highspire Borough, Terry Watts Londonderry Township, Anna Dale Lower Paxton Township, Bill Seeds Middle Paxton Township, Jim Fisher Monroe Township, Carl Kuhl New Cumberland Borough, Robert Kline

North Middleton Township, James Hare

Royalton Borough, Terry Watts

South Hanover Township, Stephen Cordaro

South Middleton Township, Cory Adams

Susquehanna Township, Tom Pyne Swatara Township, Tom Connolly Upper Allen Township, Ken Martin Wormleysburg Borough, Margie Stuski

NON-VOTING IN ATTENDANCE:

Senator John DiSanto, Dauphin & Perry Counties Jim Hertzler, Cumberland County Commissioner

Gary Myers, Executive Director, CapCOG Rhonda Campbell, Administrative Assistant, CapCOG

MUNICIPALITIES NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Annville Township Goldsboro Borough Camp Hill Borough Harrisburg City Carlisle Borough **Hummelstown Borough Carroll Township** Lemoyne Borough Dauphin Borough Lower Allen Township **Derry Township** Lower Swatara Township Dillsburg Borough Mechanicsburg Borough East Hanover Township Middletown Borough Fairview Township Monaghan Township

Penbrook Borough Shiremanstown Borough Silver Spring Township Steelton Borough

Paxtang Borough

West Hanover Township

The meeting was called to order by Margie Stuski at 7:05 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Stuski followed by roundtable Introductions.

Consent Agenda

Gary Myers noted that we have made the necessary adjustments to the July-Sept Treasurer's Report to allow for explanations and clearer presentation of information. Myers explained that the budget format has also changed and includes expanded the categories for 2018 (reflecting historical data from 2017) to ensure accurate reporting of revenue and expenditures.

The July Minutes and the July, August, and September Treasurer's reports were put forth for review and approval. Motion to approve by Jim Fisher; seconded by Tom Pyne. All were unanimously approved.

Senator John DiSanto

Stuski welcomed Senator DiSanto and thanked him for joining us. She shared the mission of the COG and noted how our local governments are working cooperatively, giving examples of joint bidding and the annual auction.

Senator DiSanto shared a brief bio. The Senator also gave information and his position on several Commonwealth issues pending before the Legislature and gave timely information (noted below):

- PA has the highest corporate net income tax and is highly unionized.
- PA is not set up to attract large companies. For example, Amazon, which will mostly likely end up in an area like Chandler Arizona where the business climate is more welcoming.
- We need to make our economy friendlier; we have so much underutilized infrastructure in PA.
- Senator DiSanto has two offices and five employees. He utilizes mobile offices at libraries and municipal buildings to reach constitutents.
- SB 461 Tax limitation amendment to PA constitution. This would require a 2/3 vote of both houses of the General Assembly to raise taxes instead of a simple majority. It is coming out of committee; hoping for a vote soon.
- SB561 Legislative approval of any state agency regulation that has larger than a \$1m economic value. The low threshold is intentional. This will not roll back any regulations; but stop the evergrowing onslaught of government regulations. It has passed Senate and is in the House.
 Governor Wolfe has expressed some interest.
- Bills to strengthen the pension forfeiture bill; two bills just came out of Senate. Currently,
 pension forfeiture can only be enforced for five crimes in PA. We have legislators and others in
 jails who are still receiving their pension. The bills are currently in the House.
- SB 695 Extended the statute of limitation on crimes and is a companion bill to the previous item.
- Budget update Governor Wolfe has not signed a budget in three years. The Governor is suggesting securitizing \$760 M a year from Liquor Control Board (LCB) and paying it back over 20 years to cover the revenue gap. The Senator doesn't believe that you borrow money to pay operating expenses; and that is what the Governor is suggesting. It is highly unlikely that the LCB will be privatized in the next 20 years. It is the same as selling the Farm Show securitizing it and paying for it over 20 years for \$250M.
- We don't have a revenue problem; we have a spending problem. The Senator is not talking about cutting programs, but we need to make people accountable for their work.
- State employees tell him that the problem is employees who aren't held accountable. If we cut spending 1% across the board and make all agencies and Secretary's accountable, we could save money.
- Prevailing Wage Expand definition of maintenance on contracts that wouldn't require
 prevailing wage. If you do 3.5 inches or less of overlay paving or less than 430 lbs of asphalt,
 could be bid non-prevailing wage. Culvers, guiderails, etc. also. Private contractors willing to do
 the work. Senator does not believe this approach is anti-union.
- The Senate voted for a right to work bill. It is currently in the House. The Governor says he won't sign it.

Jim Fisher asked the Senator, "Of what benefit to the Commonwealth is prevailing wage?" Senator responded that he doesn't believe there is a benefit. Fisher asked, "Then why don't we eliminate it?" Senator DiSanto said they have voted for a resolution to support elimination of prevailing wage.

Senator DiSanto shared several examples of items he believes are problematic:

- There is a culture that exists to extract money from the capital the lobbyists. They work the system. A lot of legislators don't have backbone to take them on.
- SB 76 Property Tax The Senator ran on this and it lost by 1 vote (Lt. Governor's vote). It was to eliminate property taxes. Now it is said to be stuck in Committee. The reason is because some Republicans didn't want to vote on it in an election year.
- Ballot Initiative Local taxing authorities extend 100% homestead exemptions on your home. What if one township does it and one doesn't? How does it impact businesses? How is it going to impact other taxes and fees?
- The point is that government won't deal with issues because Legislators are afraid to say no. When you go to the Senate there is no one in the gallery. No one is holding them accountable; no citizens.
- Senator has set a personal term limit for himself two terms.

James Hare asked, "Do you think term limits are the answer?" The Senator responded that we have term limits – it's called the vote. The Senate passed a bill requiring civics being taught in school. Kids don't understand how government works. He encourages people to vote and know what is going on.

Bill Seeds commented, "I think you are doing a great job. I appreciate it. Property taxes should only be for local governments. Didn't think for schools; most young people today who get an education get help from government. Maybe income tax should support schools. There are people with no income/little income; they wouldn't pay anything for police, roads, fire, etc."

DiSanto responded that SB 76 suggested widening taxable items and raising the sales tax to 7%. People don't understand how many elderly people lose their homes. The average property taxes statewide is \$3,500. There are 10,000 tax foreclosure sales every year in PA.

Stuski thanked the Senator for joining us. Senator DiSanto can be reached at: Senate Box 203015, Harrisburg, PA 17120-3015. 717.787.6801. jdisanto@pasen.gov.

Volunteer Firefighters

Stuski, Nate Silcox, and Myers attended a meeting of Volunteer Firefighters last week at Good Hope Station, Hampden Township. Stuski shared that Emmaus Borough struggled with finding firefighters and drivers during the day. The Borough gave a stipend to everyone and as an incentive to bring in drivers. Supreme Court of Pennsylvania decided on September 26, 2017 not to hear the case. Thus the decision of the lower court stands. That decision (4-3 vote) determined Emmaus Borough, through its actions, had established an "Employer – Employee Relationship." Myers recommended that all municipalities review the court decision (Borough of Emmaus v. Pennsylvania Labor Relations Board). Citation for the case is Commonwealth Court Pa. No. 1847. C.D. 2014 (Link to Decision: http://caselaw.findlaw.com/pa-commonwealth-court/1852570.html).

We have a legal obligation to provide fire protection/service to our communities. The court has left us with few options. We are going to have to move forward as a COG on this. There are currently 50,000 volunteer firefighters in the state. We have to continue to advocate and look at solutions and need to be proactive and creative. If you have a fire during the day, who shows up? We need to partner with insurance companies because they benefit when firefighters are available to minimize damage. Where is money for drivers? Training? We need help from the Fire Commissioner.

Senator DiSanto commented: This is a big issue. State and Local Government Committee is dealing with some bills to provide insurance for volunteer firefighters; waives and discounted taxes to incentivize volunteering.

Stuski shared that there is no state standard for amount of training required. It is currently set by insurance and local governments. Firefighters should be able to do some training online. That's not even standardized. FEMA did standard online training after 911. Why can't the same be done for firefighters?

Tom Pyne asked, "How many municipalities have that type of relationship with their firefighters (as Emmaus did)?" Myers replied that it is more than just paying a salary. The Emmaus case also included hiring, firing, scheduling, and disciplining of volunteers.

Silcox shared that the State Workers Insurance Fund (SWIF) recently said not all individuals in fire companies are covered under SWIF. Fire Police, auxiliaries etc. excluded. The Secretary is going to write a letter to all municipalities in SWIF regarding this issue. The letter should clarify who is and isn't covered/excluded. Once we get that letter, legislation will be introduced to reverse that and allow coverage. With additional coverage, come additional costs.

Tom Connelly commented that Swatara Township is struggling with a definition in terms of how it relates to an incentive program. If they get the reduction in tax as proposed in legislation, will that count as being paid? How do you decide who is eligible? Nate said Hampden just adopted their standards which were developed by their fire company.

Jim Fisher commented that the administrative work/costs associated with implementing the tax credit are high considering the credit is only a few hundred dollars. Act 120 doesn't give a meaningful incentive in his opinion.

Executive Director's Report

Salt Bids were opened on October 12, 2017 at 10:00 AM. There are two vendors whose bids need to be ratified by the Board: — American Rock Salt - \$54/ton FOB Plant and Eastern Salt Company \$59.99/ton Delivered. Motion to approve made by Silcox. Seconded by Tom Pyne. Unanimously approved.

Best Practices for Government Social Media Sites – Myers encouraged townships to send individuals to this training on December 5. A flyer was shared with all delegates and is attached to these minutes. It is important to know what is open to Right-to-Know through social media.

2017 Golf Tournament & Picnic –Our profit for this year was \$3,194; which is 20% higher than last year.

We have provided a 2018 Draft Budget with more categories than last year. We hope the Board will adopt the budget at our November meeting. Please contact Gary with questions prior to the November meeting.

A question was asked about the 2017 Budget regarding the overage in insurance and office supplies. As noted on the explanations, in 2017 the worksheets only indicated one of the two insurances we have so only one was budgeted for. This is rectified for 2018. For office supplies, we purchased a few one-time items and general supplies stock that was depleted.

Annual Dinner – January 15, 2018 at the Central Hotel and Conference Center, Lower Paxton Township. We currently have \$7250 in sponsorships which covers the cost of the facility and puts us at a profit before we begin registration. We are hoping to add to that total.

PACOG – Myers attended conference this weekend. It is held in cooperation with PSAB. He found it very worthwhile. Myers also thanked PACOG President and CapCOG Delegate John Kuntzelman for his work with PACOG.

County Reports

Cumberland County – Report was emailed to Cumberland County Managers. Jim Hertzler addressed the group.

- Bridge capital improvement program is moving along; want to kick start the Orrs Bridge project. The \$5
 vehicle fee authorization has resulted in extra \$5m dollars as a result of aggressive efforts for bridge and
 road improvement.
- Last hearing on County's comp plan was completed; it is a well-done document. A public survey with 3000 respondents revealed the top concerns were: There are enough warehouses; preserve farmland; and focus on revitalization and reuse of vacant and commercial developed sites.
- Electronic recycling site doing 200,000 pounds since opened in July.
- Celebrating 25th anniversary of farmland preservation 19,000 acres preserved.
- Budget It looks like Cumberland County will hold the line on taxes in 2018; keeping a cautious eye on general assembly. Some funding to counties could be frozen.
- November 7 ballot question asks voters whether we should grant General Assembly to authorize local taxing jurisdictions to exclude up to 100% of homestead properties. Schools, municipalities, local government are taxing authorities. If voters think this will eliminate property taxes, it will be interesting to see how.
- SB76 Commissioner Hertzler suggests taking a closer look at the Bill because the increase in sales tax and expansion of taxable items would affect school real estate taxes. Not county property taxes.

Dauphin County Report – Included with the Minutes. Anna Dale addressed the items:

- \$50,000 loan for affordable housing for seniors in Harrisburg.
- Commissioner Hartwick is participating in Federal briefing.

Tri County Regional Planning Commission – The September Progress report is included with these minutes.

York County Report – Mark Ryder was not in attendance. The York Report is included with these minutes.

Cumberland Perry Joint Task Force – Rhonda Campbell shared that there is nothing new to report.

Committee Reports

Public Safety Committee – No meeting held. A meeting will be scheduled for November.

Legislative update - State budget continues to be an issue. Revenue aspect still not completed. Lots of talk but no end in sight.

Cumberland County Radio Advisory Board – Ken Martin shared there is no meeting until November.

Appeals/Act 45 - Terry Watts shared that no appeals had been filed.

Good of the Order

Bill Seeds shared that this is his last meeting as he is resigning his Township seat in order to give highest vote getter in the November election time to get on board to work on the Township's 2018 budget. He shared that he really enjoyed meeting the great people associated with CapCOG and encouraged everyone to keep up the fight. He thanked everyone for their friendship.

Myers thanked Seeds and shared that it has been an honor to know you and serve with you.

The meeting was adjourned 8:15 PM. Martin motioned; Silcox seconded. Unanimously approved.

Dauphin County Update October of 2017

Commissioners Announce Plans to Take Pharmaceutical Companies to Court Over Opioid Epidemic

In the wake of a record 85 opioid-related deaths and an 860 percent increase in funds spent on addiction treatment last year in Dauphin County, Commissioners Jeff Haste, Mike Pries and George P. Hartwick, III announced plans to take pharmaceutical companies that manufacture and aggressively market addictive opioids to court. The commissioners have retained Young, Ricchiuti, Caldwell & Heller, LLC to pursue a civil lawsuit against manufacturers to cover some of the costs for addiction prevention and treatment, meaning that no taxpayer funds are being used to pay for legal action.

Dauphin County Commissioners, Steelton Borough Officials to Unveil County's First Skateboard Park

The Dauphin County Commissioners and Steelton Borough leaders joined dozens of skateboarders and community members in cutting the ribbon on the county's first skateboard park. Located in Steelton Borough's Municipal Park, this first-rate facility, designed by skaters, provides opportunities for recreation and is expected to host competitions and draw skaters from this region and across the country.

Construction on the 28,000-square-foot park, which began in May, included replacing the existing and underutilized tennis courts and building a dozen concrete skating features, including a bowl and plaza-style steps.

The project was funded by \$40,000 in tourism grant funds, \$90,000 in local share gaming grant funds and a 5-year \$80,000 loan from the county's Industrial Development Authority.

The skateboard park compliments ongoing county revitalization efforts in the borough, including the redevelopment of vacant buildings and land in the North Front Street corridor into the Renaissance Row mixed-use development.

Dauphin County Golf Outing Raises Money for Charities

For the 21st year in a row, the Dauphin County Commissioners hosted a charity golf tournament at Dauphin Highlands to raise money for worthy causes in the region. Over the years, the tournament has raised more than \$608,000 for local charities, including the United Way of the Capital Region, Vickie's Angel Walk, Boys and Girls Club of Central Pennsylvania and many more.

Dauphin County Commissioners to Host Free Forum in Northern Dauphin for Over 100 Veterans

Dauphin County Commissioners Jeff Haste, Mike Pries, and George P. Hartwick, III partnered with several agencies to host a breakfast forum for over 100 veterans to connect them with services, such as health care benefits, pensions, drug and alcohol or mental health treatment, and employment, as well as to answer questions.

Commissioners Approved \$50,000 Loan to Help Construct Affordable Senior Housing Apartments in Harrisburg To meet the affordable housing needs of the growing number of senior citizens, the Dauphin County Commissioners today approved a \$50,000 loan to help construct the planned 37-apartment Paxton Place complex in Harrisburg.

The complex, being built on a vacant field at 1100 South 20th St., is a joint effort between Paxton Ministries and Camp Hill-based Monarch Development Group LLC, which has been involved in various affordable housing projects in the region. The no-interest loan through the Dauphin County Affordable Housing Trust Fund will be used to leverage additional funding for the \$8 million project.

Paxton Place will feature 35, one-bedroom and two, two-bedroom apartments for those 62 and older and will have an on-site property manager. Construction is expected to begin by next summer on the complex.

The developer will receive a \$50,000 loan from the Dauphin County Affordable Housing Trust Fund. Money from the trust fund comes from a \$15 fee assessed on all deeds and mortgages recorded in the county.

Paxton Place also received \$100,000 from IMPACT HARRISBURG, a nonprofit set up with funding from the Harrisburg Strong Plan to award grants for economic development. Additionally, the developers plan to pursue federal affordable housing tax credits through the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency.

Bike Share Comes to Dauphin County

Harrisburg Bike Share has launched its new program that will provide all Harrisburg residents and visitors with a convenient, affordable and healthy way to get around town. Dauphin County, Highmark, Communities in Schools of PA and the City teamed up to bring Bike Share to the region.

93% of all proceeds will directly benefit local nonprofit, Communities In Schools of Pennsylvania (CISPA), the Commonwealth's largest and most effective dropout prevention organization, serving nearly 50,000 students and their families.

CISPA will outsource bike share operations through Zagster, a national bike share provider that powers more than 200 programs in 35 states. 55 Zagster cruiser bikes will be available at 11 stations. An annual membership costs \$25. Pay as you go memberships cost \$2 per hour for up to \$20 per ride. Riders will be charged an additional overtime fee for keeping bikes over 24 hours.

Zagster makes it easy to grab a bike and go. Riders can view stations and bikes in the free Zagster app, available on the App Store and Google Play, or online at zagster.com/harrisburg. One tap in the app automatically unlocks the ring lock on the rear wheel, allowing a rider to get rolling in seconds. After the rider returns the bike to a designated Zagster bike station, the rental ends and the bike is available for the next person to enjoy.

PROGRAM PROGRESS REPORT TRI-COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION STAFF October 2016

COUNTY SUPPORT & LOCAL PLANNING ASSISTANCE

Dauphin County (Jerry Duke)

- Participated in the Dauphin County Return on Environment Meeting
- Joined the Return on Environment steering committee for communication strategy and provided information on county growth and sprawl
- Reviewed various Integrated Water Resources plans in place in other counties
- Continued research on MS4s and low-impact development options
- Continued with Upper Paxton Township zoning update
- · Addressed information requests regarding emergency access thresholds, codification
- Continued with outreach for the Dauphin County Comprehensive Plan: Meetings held with Dauphin County Planning Commission, DC Library, Housing Authority, CRDEC, Tri-County Community Action, Northern Dauphin School Directors and Human Service Advisory Panel
- Assembled and prepared submissions for Premier Project awards for judging
- Assisted South Hannover Township with research for Agricultural tourism zoning
- Reviewed Susquehanna Township Zoning Ordinance amendment which is considering legal uses not defined in zoning ordinance
- Assisted South Hanover Township in review of age restrictive housing zoning ordinances
- Researched firewood storage and driveway sight amendments for Swatara Township
- Attended sketch plan meeting for proposed drug store in Hummelstown Borough
- Prepared Building Activity financial data for Dauphin County Finance Dept.
- Reviewed Lower Paxton Township zoning ordinance amendment related to impervious coverage in the R-1 district
- Reviewed Susquehanna Township Traditional Neighborhood Development ordinance

Perry County (Jason Finnerty)

- Reviewed amendment to the Bloomfield Borough's Zoning Ordinance covering wireless communications facilities
- Reviewed update to Oliver Township's Act 537 Plan (Phase 2)
- Updated the PCPC Policy Summary
- Prepared six general consistency reviews for PA Small Water & Sewer Program Grant Application from Duncannon Borough for sewer line replacements in (Noye Park, and Market, Elm, and Water Streets); Howe Township Municipal Authority for sewer line extension (West Shortcut Road); Newport Borough for combined sewer separation (5th Street); Newport Borough Water Main Replacements (Mulberry Street, Walnut Street, Campbell Drive, Fickes Lane, 4th Street, Kelly Lane, 5th Street, and 6th Street); Newport Borough Water System Improvements (New Chemical feeds for two wells in Howe Township, system-wide replacement of existing meters for remote reading); and Blain Borough Water System Improvements (Standby power and electrical work and flood mitigation work)

- Notified officials in all Perry County municipalities, County Commissioners, PCPC members and Regional Planning Area Representatives regarding FEMA DHS Flood Insurance Rate Map Update Project
- Prepared draft the 2017 Perry County Planning Work Program and distributed copies for comment to the PCPC
- Reviewed sewage facilities planning module for Baughman and Harvey in Carroll Township
- Began work on the 2016 PCPC Annual Report
- Attended Penn State Extension webinar: Who Invited the PA PUC To the Planning Party
- Set Traffic Count for Tuscarora Township on Winding Hill Road for grant for PA's Dirt Gravel and Low Volume Roads (DGLVR) Program

TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

MPO Administration (Casey Baxendale)

(meetings, minutes, monthly progress reports, UPWP)

- Prepared form for Supplemental Funding applications
- Began preparations for the December HATS meetings

Regional Transportation Plan

Public Involvement/Outreach (Casey Baxendale)

(information requests, notices, advertising, annual report, newsletter, website, partnerships with others, smart transportation, land use connections, education/outreach)

- Staff attended Planning Partners meeting
- Responded to information requests regarding Dauphin County bridge #27 and proposed Rutter's (Reed Township) HOP
- Worked on draft public participation plan for public review with timeline of December
- Prepared CMP and GIS sidewalk inventory newsletter articles for upcoming TCRPC newsletter
- Attended various transportation sessions at the Pennsylvania Planning Association (PPA) conference in Allentown, PA October 17th & 18th
- Prepared reviews of transportation projects as part of American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) of PA 2017 Diamond Awards judging

Congestion Management Systems (Tom Edinger)

(short range transit; CMS corridors studies and plan updates; Safety; SRTP; ITS; E&H planning)

- Contacted municipal officials in the Study Corridor to advise them the Final Safety Study Report was placed on the TCRPC's website
- Prepared and conducted CMP kick-off meeting at TCRPC offices with planning advisory committee to review CMP process and project scope

Intermodal Management Systems (Andrew Bomberger)

(long range transit, regional rail, freight, goods movement, bike/ped, park & ride... alternate modes and connectivity)

- Reviewed scope for intersection study for freight movement study
- Finalized freight steering committee with assistance from consultant
- Coordinated with CAT to collect and analyze transit ridership data as part of ADA curb ramp and sidewalk GIS inventory projects to identify high priority areas for curb ramp and sidewalk improvements nearby CAT bus stops and routes

- Prepared HATS travel demand model files and associated GIS data for delivery to consultant as part formal agreement regarding I-83 widening project
- Coordinated CMAQ analysis for Carlisle Circulator Project as part of Bureau of Public Transit Flex Funds program for District 8-0
- Coordinated with Perry County Transit Authority on parked car counts at various Park-n-Ride facilities in Perry County
- Met with District 8-0 ADA Coordinator to understand procedures, processes and engineering standards used for installing ADA curb ramps in HATS region as part of GIS curb ramp inventory project
- Reached out to prospective TAP applicants
- Data input and review for HATS Regional Bike Ped Counts
- Coordinated with PennDOT on selected TAP projects

Data Development & Support (Tom Edinger)

(Project development, model, AQ Analysis, RTP plan prep, Census/CTPP, data analysis, research, HPMS/PCI, GIS work)

- All 2016 traffic counts submitted to PennDOT
- Continued Route 39 Corridor Study "Turning Movement Counts"
- Continued HPMS sampling
- Traffic Count completed on Winding Hill Road, Perry County for Dirt, Gravel and Low Volume Roads (DGLVR) Program
- Discussed project priorities with Hampden Township
- Discussed concerns about Dauphin County Bridge #27 with Mifflin Twp. Supervisor
- Began collecting CMP real-time speed datasets for congestion analysis and coordinated with CMP consultant to acquire like kinds of databases
- Performed field views to prepare final updates to GIS curb ramp asset inventory
- Prepared GIS data and mapping showing high priority areas for curb ramp and sidewalk improvements given existing parks, schools and high CAT ridership locations

York County Report - October 2017

- We are finalizing the 2018 Budget.
- We are looking at some refinancing to reduce our debt service.
- The Prison roof replacement project is nearly completed.
- Distribution of the radio equipment purchased as part of the system overhaul to end users will be completed by the end of November.