



Clinton County Natural Gas Task Force

Meeting Notes

February 28, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Pete Smeltz.

The Task Force observed a moment of silence in memory of John Way.

Mr. Smeltz distributed the 2012 Goals and Objectives that were developed at the previous meeting.

Mr. Smeltz introduced Rich Musser whose company recently purchased Hanna Electric and Cam Kephart from Susquehanna Transit.

Mr. Smeltz asked if the Workforce Development Committee and Education Committee would like to combine into one committee. Mr. Tim Owens and Mr. Bruce Jones both agreed that it would be a good idea. Shannan Tyson from LHUP will also become involved. Mr. Jones distributed unemployment data for December. He reported that unemployment was 7.2% in December.

Public Safety Committee – Kevin Fanning reported that Jim Watson is coordinating a meeting with all industry companies to discuss the addressing of well sites and to evaluate the process with input from the industry. The meeting is 10:00 AM on Tuesday. Staff is working with XTO Energy to offer a wild well controls training on 5/5/12 at the Red Eye Sports Center. The training is limited to public safety individuals. The committee's next meeting is 3/15/12 at 6:30 PM.

Economic Development Committee – Mike Flanagan reported that the committee continues to maintain a list of sites available for use by the industry. The Economic Partnership is holding a Gas Industry Time Out on 3/14/12 at 5 PM at the Durrwachter Center. The Partnership is working with UGI to expand gas use and infrastructure in this area.

Public Education –The committee questioned whether some articles should be rerun in the Lock Haven Express. They are all on the county's website. Some new topics were discussed. A new purpose and goals of the committee were discussed. Additional members are welcome to join this committee.

Environmental Committee – Mary Ann Bower reported that the committee meets the second Tuesday of each month at 8 AM. She has applications for the free water testing program. The eligibility guidelines are flexible due to the lack of applicants. The committee is looking at how the environmental regulations are connected to the impact fee.

Transportation Committee – PennDot posted an additional section of 664. They will mill and fill Jay Street in the spring.

Mr. Smeltz asked if the Task Force would like to establish a Housing Committee. There was a discussion on this topic which included asking a local realtor or someone who manages rental properties to provide a presentation at a meeting.

Mr. Smeltz reported that XTO and Anadarko met with the commissioners to discuss their 2012 goals.

Mr. Tom Burnett, XTO, stated they are working closely with Kevin Fanning. He wants the municipalities to know that their roads will be fixed.

Ms. Mary Wolf, Anadarko, reported that activity is stable and they are completing projects.

Mr. Irv Gleason, Range Resources, reported that they continue to move on projects. He announced that the President of Worldwide Volvo is speaking at Penn College and there is a bus trip planned to show him the progress in Lycoming and Clinton Counties.

Mr. Smeltz reported that the commissioners are researching Act 13. They plan on acting on the ordinance on March 22, 2012 but they do not want to make their decision without input from the municipalities. A meeting with the municipalities is scheduled for March 15th at 7 PM in the main courtroom of the courthouse. A discussion about Act 13 continued.

Mr. Doug D'Amore, Sproul State Forest, reported that there were four incidents in the last month. There was a frac water spill, a truck went into a ditch, a truck drove into a tree, and a overweight truck drove on a posted road.

There was a discussion regarding PennDot issuing incorrect permits. The truck driver that was driving with too much weight for the road thought he was doing what was correct.

Mr. Dan Vilello, DEP, reported that there were a record number of inspections in 2011 and they expect more in 2012. He said if folks are aware of a new business coming into the county, they should be encouraged to contact DEP for a pre-application meeting.

Mr. Smeltz encouraged committee chairmen to provide written reports which can be distributed at meetings. This would decrease the length of the task force meetings.

The meetings will continue to meet on the last Tuesday of the month at 4 PM in the Garden building.

Respectfully Submitted,

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