



## Clinton County Natural Gas Task Force

### Meeting Minutes

June 29, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Adam Coleman.

Mr. Kevin Fanning, Department of Emergency Services, provided the Public Safety Committee Report. He stated that 55 permits have been given for gas well sites and 19 addresses have been issued. He reported that there have been three public safety incidents: a gas worker suffered a foot injury from a pipe on the Hyner Mountain Road; a truck hauling pipe and a pickup truck had an accident on Route 664; and a tanker crashed and dumped approximately 2,200 gallons of diesel fuel on Route 144.

Mr. Fanning stated that there is some confusion on how the Emergency Cards are to be used. Additional training needs to be completed so folks understand how to use the cards in the case of an emergency. The next Public Safety Meeting is scheduled for 6:30 PM at the 911 Center.

Mr. Gerry Lacy, South Renovo Borough Water System, stated his concerns regarding the possibility of water contamination if a truck has an accident and contaminates the water. He asked for cooperation with establishing an emergency response plan. Mr. Coleman responded that there should have been a plan in place before but the chance of an accident is more prevalent now because of the increase in traffic. Mr. Rich Kyle asked if the water interconnect is available if the water is contaminated. Mr. Lacy agreed that it is but someone needs to be notified promptly to avoid delays in restoring water to western Clinton County.

Ms. Mary Wolf, Anadarko, provide an update on Anadarko activities. She stated that Anadarko filed a formal appeal on Chapman Township's decision to not allow Anadarko to withdrawal water from Hyner bridge but there has not been a hearing date scheduled. Activity continues in Sproul. She explained that the driver who had the accident on the Hyner Mountain Road took necessary precautions to stop the spill from spreading even though he was injured.

Mr. Dan Vilello, DEP, provided a report on DEP's activities. He stated that DEP has doubled their staff to assist in compliance monitoring and permitting. He explained that the costs associated with hiring additional staff is covered by permit fees which are between \$5,000 and \$10,000 a well. He stated that there have been 1,700 well

inspections since January 1, 2010 with 530 violations. He stated that new regulations have been adopted and will be posted July 3, 2010.

Mr. Mike Flanagan, Economic Partnership, and Mr. Bobby Maguire, resident, provided a report on their trip to Wise County, Texas. Wise County has Barnett Shale which is similar to Marcellus Shale. They toured fracking sites, well sites, a power plant, a deep well injection site, and a mud farm. Some of the cons associated with the well sites were that the pipeline was placed haphazardly and road damage. Some of the positive outcomes are job creation, increased real estate tax income, and population growth. Mr. Flanagan explained that if Clinton County does not cooperate with the gas industry they could skip us. There is plenty of opportunity in other areas of Pennsylvania. Mr. Maguire explained the excellent attendance at a recent gas/oil expo he attended and he and Mr. Kyle encouraged Clinton County's attendance at future expos.

Mr. Lacy stated that he spoke to some gas workers working in Western Clinton County and they expressed that he is the first person in Chapman Township that spoke positively about the gas companies being there. He expressed that there has to be better communication.

Mr. Coleman reported on the June 8, 2010 well site tour at Larry's Creek. He stated that 15-20 people toured the site. They were shown what goes on inside the rig and the process of drilling the hole. There was a discussion on water quality and the geology of shale. It was very eye opening. Many committee members expressed interest in another tour.

Mr. Coleman asked if there were any reports from other committees that have been meeting. He stated that the Education Committee has been meeting. Mr. Kyle and Mr. Bruce Jones, CareerLink, stated that they are on the Education Committee but have not been made aware of the meetings.

Mr. Kyle stated that we need to educate the community on what is going on and provide the pros and cons of the gas industry being in Clinton County. Mr. Maguire thanked Mr. Scott Johnson, Lock Haven Express, for the good education article. He stated that it is the responsibility of the Task Force to speak positively in the community.

Mr. Kyle stated that he was at the Expo in Troy last weekend and was disappointed that Clinton County Government was not represented. Mr. Dave Coleman stated that he feels the gas companies should attend our Expo. Mr. Adam Coleman explained that budget constraints are a factor in attending the expos and the Commissioners had obligations at the Best of Clinton County which was held last weekend.

Mr. Maguire reported that there is a big opportunity happening in the next two weeks. A major player in the gas industry will be visiting Clinton County and Mr. Maguire would like to welcome him with key people from Clinton County. Mr. Coleman stated that the Commissioners need to be informed when people visit Clinton County so they can welcome them properly.

Mr. Jones reported that 125 Clinton County residents have become employed last month, however, only two of them were employed in the gas industry.

Mr. Tim Holladay, Planning Department, reported that he has a RUMA (Road Use Management Agreement) from another county if anyone is interested in reviewing it.

Due to a lot interest in another tour of a well site, Ms. Wolf offered to coordinate another tour.

Ms. Julie Brennan, Senator Wozniak's Office, asked for the list of committees and committee members to be emailed to everyone on the Task Force.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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