



## Clinton County Natural Gas Task Force

### Meeting Minutes

August 24, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Adam Coleman.

Mr. Gerry Lacy provided a report for the Environmental Committee. He reported that they are reviewing the noise ordinance and are developing other goals after reviewing the drilling techniques.

Mr. Richard Kyle provided a report for the Public Education Committee. He reported that Ms. Julie Brennan met with Bob Rolley from the Lock Haven Express. There will be a series of articles published in the Express. There will also be a series of radio shows airing on Talk Back for the next six weeks. The Committee is developing a meet and greet in conjunction with the Economic Partnership. They will invite gas and oil companies and the local business community to see how they can do business together. Mr. Matt Henderson reported that Economic Partnership, SBDC, and the PS Cooperation Extension are going to provide seminars.

Mr. Mike Flanagan provided a report for the Economic Development Committee. He reported that the Committee met August 3<sup>rd</sup> and August 24<sup>th</sup>. They are focusing on developing a list of properties which may be suitable to assist gas companies, such as warehouses, acreage, and railroads. The Economic Partnership will be attending the upcoming Gas and Oil Expo in Monroeville and will be sharing a booth with Renovo Rail and the Wayne Township Landfill. Mr. Bob Maguire is working on a banner. Trican is coming to Clinton County and will be conducting interviews.

Mr. Fanning provided a report for the Public Safety Committee. He reported there are currently fifty-eight (58) wells permitted in Clinton County, which account for 22 physical addresses. Additionally, there is one (1) non-well addressed facility located in Grugan Township, which is a metering station.

During the first weekend of August, Lycoming County's Gas Task Force hosted Wild Well Control of Texas, on three (3) separate occasions to present their "Well Control Incident Management: Effective Strategies & Tactics for Municipal Responders" training seminar. Mr. Fanning estimated there were approximately fifty (50) fire/EMS providers from Clinton County who attended one (1) of the three (3) sessions.

DES has completed the responses algorithms for drilling and fracing operations. These algorithms will be turned into a one page document and laminated prior to distribution to the public safety community. The algorithms basically give responders a general step-by-step approach to their response should an incident occur at a well site in either the drilling or fracing stages.

The Pennsylvania State Fire Academy (PSFA) has worked with the Independent Oil & Gas Association to develop a local level awareness program for public safety and municipal officials. The program, which is titled "Well Site Emergency Response" is scheduled for release to PSFA

by September 1, 2010. PSFA hopes to begin delivery of the program by late September or early October.

The Public Safety committee is working with Range Resources to set-up Rig Tours for small groups of public safety personnel. The purpose of the tours is to give them an up close and personal review of how sites are laid out in the different phases of construction and drilling, as well as make them familiar with the various hazards. Range has a number of different wells throughout the area in a number of different phases of completion, which allow officials to basically see a generic overview of the entire process.

There is a new environmental clean-up company who has located in Clinton County. Weavertown Environmental of the Pittsburgh area has located an office in Wayne Township. They currently have a limited amount of equipment located here in Clinton County. However, it is anticipated they will increase their resources here locally as industry continues to grow. Additionally, there are two (2) well control companies from Texas, whom will be locating facilities in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Wild Well Control will be locating facilities in Clearfield County, and Boots & Coats International Well Control will be locating in Bradford County. While these well control companies are locating within the Commonwealth, these companies will not have the complete range of assets/resources available to them, which they have at their home bases in Texas. They will have a limited amount of equipment located here in Pennsylvania and a limited amount of people. If their services are needed, they will be able to put someone on the ground at the incident site within an hour to begin size-up and scene assessment. Development of a plan to safely mitigate the situation and the assembly of resources to implement the plan will still take some time.

The Public Safety Committee had a lengthy discussion during their meeting concerning cost recovery. There is a concern from the public safety community that with the increased activity in our area from the natural gas industry, there will certainly be an increase in their call volume. This increased call volume will certainly have an impact on their existing limited budgets. Mr. Fanning was asked by the Public Safety committee to bring this issue to the Task Force to make them aware of the concern from the public safety community. Additionally, Mr. Fanning will be submitting a formal letter to the Board of Commissioners requesting they voice this concern at their next County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania (CCAP) Meeting.

The next Public Safety Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 16, 2010 at 6:30 PM. The meeting will be held at the Department of Emergency Services in the EOC.

Mr. Bruce Young reported that he had a conversation with Trican and they are looking for CDL drivers. They will utilize a room at the CareerLink for training.

Mr. Wes Carson provided a report for the Transportation Committee. He reported that they are setting up their first committee meeting. He stated that currently there were only two roads in poor condition but they have been repaired. He reported that state troopers are watching roads and levying fines. There have been three major incidents which include the diesel spill on 144, the accident on Hyner Mountain, and the accident involving the flat bed hauling pipe.

Mr. Scott Owens reported that Keystone Central School District is offering CDL classes in conjunction with CPI. He was asked what KCSD was doing to train students to work for the gas and oil companies. He reported that he spoke to the companies for recommendations on what areas they could train the students. The Companies replied that they will train new hires. They just want employees who come to work on time and can pass drug tests. He reported that there is

some financial aid for CDL classes. It depends on the individuals' situation. The first classes will be in October and will be offered quarterly.

Mr. Dan Vilello provided a report for DEP. He reported that DEP has increased the number of staff working in the gas and oil industry in Williamsport. He reported that there would be a meeting on September 9<sup>th</sup> at the Jersey Shore Community Center at 7:00 PM regarding the gas severance tax.

Mr. Terry O'Connor expressed his concerns regarding what will happen 30 to 40 years from now when companies want to drill deeper to the layers under the Marcellus. He feels Pennsylvania is unprepared for this.

Ms. Mary Wolfe reported that Anadarko met with Mr. Tim Holladay and the Board of Commissioners regarding the proposed noise ordinance. She stated that there was good dialogue. Mr. Charles Griffey and Lance Riley were in attendance and explained their roles with Anadarko.

Mr. Jay Alexander provided a report on the effects of the gas and oil industry on the Wayne Township Landfill. The industry has had a positive impact on the landfill financially. They have submitted an expansion permit to accommodate the increase business which will add twenty years to the life of the landfill. Due to the positive financial impact, the Landfill is providing additional revenue to the County through their Host Agreement, as well as, to the State. Mr. Vilello stated that the Landfill was preparing in advance for the gas industry and complimented Mr. Alexander and his crew.

Mr. Kyle stated that if anyone needs someone to do public speaking that they can contact him at 660-2787 and someone from his committee would be able to do it.

The next Task Force Meeting will be held on September 28, 2010 at 7:00 PM in the Commissioners' Meeting room.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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