



## Clinton County Natural Gas Task Force

### Meeting Minutes

September 28, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Adam Coleman.

Mr. Kevin Fanning provided the Public Safety report. Currently the number of wells permitted in Clinton County is unchanged. There are currently still fifty-eight (58) permitted sites accounting for twenty-two (22) physical addresses.

There is a new player in the energy business in Clinton County. The Department of Emergency Services (DES) has been contacted by a company named ENERPLUS, who has taken over the permits originally approved for Stone Energy. DES has had contact with Environmental Health & Safety personnel representing ENERPLUS. They will be reaching out to them to be certain any public safety/emergency service needs with the county are addressed.

There are additional offerings of the Wild Well Control's "Well Control Incident Management: Effective Strategies & Tactics for Municipal Responders" program. The sessions are being offered in Cameron and Potter Counties. Information concerning the sessions and registration has been forwarded through the Email contact list. The Pennsylvania State Fire Academy (PSFA) "Wellsite Emergency Response" program will be offered at Citizens Hose Company of South Renovo on Wednesday October 27, 2010. This course is not only for emergency service providers but also is available to municipal officials. Pre-registration for the course is required. The course information and registration instructions have been sent out through the Email contact list and also added to the county website.

The emergency service impact in Clinton County still focuses on transportation related incidents. Since the last task force meeting, there has been an accident on the Beech Creek Mountain road involving a tractor trailer hauling water. This brings the current total of such incidents in Clinton County to four (4).

Anadarko has advised that they are preparing for the upcoming hunting season here in Pennsylvania. They will have workers on sites wearing blaze orange apparel for identification. Additionally, they have received from the Pennsylvania Game Commission, safety hunting zone signs, which will be posted at the recommended distances around their various locations.

Mr. Fanning briefly reviewed a technology enhancement that is currently being tested by industry to allow for the dialing of 9-1-1 from well sites and the correct telephone

number and address/location information to appear at the appropriate 9-1-1 dispatch center. Some testing has been conducted in Lycoming County with one of the energy companies and things seem to be working. Mr. Fanning suspects that once the technology is tested and proven, there will be buy-in industry wide, in an effort to insure safety at the well sites.

Mr. Fanning was questioned by Mr. Jim Kelly concerning an Email specific to the use of Citizens Band (CB) radios for truck traffic on the various rural and mountain roads. Mr. Fanning is awaiting the receipt of some information from some environmental health and safety people with industry to see how they were handling this situation in other areas, in particular where there is more than one energy company doing work in a geographic area. This item will be on the agenda for discussion at the next Public Safety Committee Meeting.

The next Public Safety Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 21, 2010 at 6:30 PM. The meeting will be held at the Department of Emergency Services in the EOC.

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 attended the Gas and Oil Expo in Monroeville and shared a booth with Renovo Rail and the Wayne Township Landfill. There are currently ten new businesses in Clinton County as a result of the gas industry. He stated that there will be a gas industry information forum, September 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM at the Chapman Township fire hall.

Mr. Richard Kyle provided a report for the Public Education Committee. He reported that the committee is continuing the articles in the Lock Haven Express as well as Talk Back on the radio. He reported the Express has been great to work with and Ms. Julie Brennan was thanked for coordinating the articles with the Express. Mr. John Way will be speaking about Marcellus Shale at AAUW. The committee is conducting a Train the Trainer so more Task Force Members can provide presentations within the community. The committee will meet again the end of October.

Mr. Flanagan reported that there will be a Meet and Greet for industries on January 26, 2011 at the Country Club.

Mr. Gerry Lacy provided a report for the Environmental Committee. He reported that they are identifying topics to investigate. Their areas of focus are environmental concerns with the biggest impact and how they are being addressed. The list of topics is overwhelming and includes protecting the water supply.

Mr. Tim Holladay reported that the county has reviewed and approved changes to the county zoning ordinance, including sections that will require limits on sound generated by compressor/pump stations.

Mr. Jim Ladlee reported on initiatives he is working on related to the gas industry including his involvement in working on a statewide workforce assessment. He stated that it is a myth that the gas industry is not hiring PA residents.

Mr. Wes Carson provided a report for the Transportation Committee. He reported that PennDot continues to do weekly surveys to survey the condition of bonded roads. PennDot is requiring gas companies bonding roads to create winter maintenance plans. The gas industry has spent approximately \$3 million to repair Route 144 and \$2 million - \$3 million to repair Route 664. These roads have been repaired in a manner they would have never been repaired if not for the gas companies. There is a good partnership with the industry.

Mr. John Way shared his concerns with school bus traffic and gas industry traffic in the morning and afternoons. Ms. Mary Wolfe, Anadarko, stated the gas industry would be willing to sit down with the school district to discuss concerns.

Mr. Richard Morris, Clinton County Realtor, provided a report on the effects of the gas and oil industry on the real estate in Clinton County. He stated that the industry is arriving in three waves. The first wave included workers who work long hours and have few needs other than having a roof over their head. Landlords, in some cases, have secured housekeeping teams for those renting as they do not have time to clean. These works are self reliant and are absorbing a lot of the rental stock and hotel accommodations. We are currently in the she second wave which includes knowledge workers – those who work nine to five. The real estate demand for these workers is for more permanent, nicer accommodations. The third wave will include workers who will be making a long term commitment to the community. These workers will absorb the higher end housing that has been available for a while. He stated that the long term issues are how to develop the workforce, the need for more housing, and the affect of the increase in rental costs on the residents of Clinton County who are working for local industry.

Mr. Kyle stated that there had been some discussion among Task Force members regarding switching the meeting time to earlier in the day. Some Task Force members feel there may be a better turnout for meetings. Mr. Coleman stated that an email would be sent to members asking their preference in the meeting time.

The next Task Force Meeting will be held on October 26, 2010 at 7:00 PM in the Commissioners' Meeting room.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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