



Clinton County Natural Gas Task Force

Meeting Minutes

October 26, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Tom Bossert.

Mr. Mark Murawski, Lycoming County Transportation Planner, provided a power point presentation on the impact of gas play on transportation in our region. A copy of the presentation is available upon request.

Mr. Kevin Fanning provided a report for the Public Safety Committee. The Committee has made a change in the tracking process they follow for addressing. Because of the close proximity in issued permits, which in many cases results in the same address for numerous permitted sites, the committee will now change to tracking the number of pad locations in lieu of permitted sites. Public safety's concern is predominantly with knowing the location of the pad sites. The total number of permits presently has no relevance from an emergency services perspective. With this change in tracking, there are presently thirty four (34) pad locations identified. Of those pad locations, only twenty-six (26) are currently addressed. Addressing of the remaining eight (8) pad sites will occur once industry has identified the point of access into the proposed locations.

The Department of Emergency services is working to establish a relationship with XTO Energy to insure they are aware of the public safety/response capabilities here in Clinton County and also make them aware of the gas industry public safety activities occurring within the county.

The Pennsylvania State Fire Academy (PSFA) "Wellsite Emergency Response" program will be held on the evening of Wednesday October 27, 2010 at Citizens Hose Company in South Renovo. There are over fifty (50) participants pre-registered for the four (4) hour course.

A question was raised at the last Task Force meeting concerning the use of Citizens Band (CB) radio's for communication between the large number of trucks hauling equipment and supplies on the remote rural roads. This issue was a topic of discussion at the last Public Safety Committee meeting. It was determined that the operating companies encourage communication among the haulers, particularly when they leave the main roads. It is typically promoted and understood, which channel will be used when haulers are working at different sites. In some instances depending on the amount of activity, the use of traffic control points or escort vehicles may also be used to enhance transportation safety on the remote rural roads.

The Department of Emergency Services is working to facilitate a meeting between operating companies and transportation representatives from the two (2) school districts in Clinton County. The purpose of the meeting will be to develop a dialog and allow industry and the school districts to understand each other's needs with regard to transportation. Through this understanding we hope to be proactive in the approach to school bus traffic and student transportation, while at the same time meeting the needs of the energy companies.

At the October 21st Public Safety meeting, the energy companies in attendance indicated most pad development work is either complete or soon will be. Over the winter months the effort and focus will be on drilling and fracing of the developed sites. Additionally, with the winter months coming, there was some discussion about industry's winter road maintenance plans. The energy companies have been working with Penn DOT and also have plans and agreements in place for maintenance of local roads.

The Public Safety Committee will not meet again until January 20, 2011.

Local resident Mr. Frantz shared his concerns with truck traffic on Route 64 near his home. He questioned why the trucks are not encouraged to stay on Interstate 80 to exit at the Lock Haven exit instead of exiting at Lamar and traveling on Route 64. Mr. Wes Carsen, PennDot, explained that trucks can ride on any state road if they are running legal.

Mr. Adam Coleman read an email Mr. Mike Flanagan had sent regarding the Economic Committee. It is attached.

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. The committee is conducting a Train the Trainer so more Task Force Members can provide presentations within the community. The committee continues to meet regularly.

Mr. Gerry Lacy provided a report for the Environmental Committee. He reported that they are continuing to refine a list of topics to address. A main area of focus is water supply and streams.

Mr. Scott Owens provided a report for the Education Committee. Kelly Hastings, Mr. Owens, and Mr. Terry Murty will be attending a meeting at Penn College regarding curriculum. The school district continues to offer CDL training quarterly.

Mr. Carson provided a report for the Transportation Committee. He reported that repair work is being completed on Route 664 and Hyner Mountain Road. Winter maintenance agreements have been submitted by gas companies and have been approved by PennDot. Weight team enforcement will be conducted on Route 664.

Ms. Catherine Sweeney provided a report for the Workforce Development Committee. She reported that Trican moved into a new facility. Twenty-six people were hired through Careerlink. CareerLink is working with ROE for hiring.

Mr. Coleman reported that a survey was conducted and the majority of task force members would like to meet at 4:00 PM instead of 7:00 PM.

The next Task Force Meeting will be held on December 14, 2010 at 4:00 PM in the Commissioners' Meeting room. The meeting was adjourned with a motion by Mr. Tom Bossert; seconded by Mr. Terrance O'Connor.

Respectfully Submitted,

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