



# Clinton County Natural Gas Task Force

## Meeting Notes

September 25, 2012

### I. Welcome

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Pete Smeltz. Mr. Smeltz introduced Glen Grenoble from EPSVT who demonstrated his vacuum truck prior to the meeting. He provided an overview of the services they provide which includes emergency spill response.

### II. Subcommittee Reports:

**a. Workforce Development/Education Committee** – Mr. Scott Owens, KCSD, reported that they will be holding a career fair on 10/3/12 from 1 PM – 7 PM. Open House will be from 5 PM to 7 PM for students. They will be taking the Career and Technology students to Baker Hughes on October 27<sup>th</sup>. Shannon Tyson, LHUP, reported that she will be running a second CDL course at CPI. The start date is 10/29/12. They will also be holding a third one at the LHUP Clearfield Campus in November. She distributed a flyer regarding upcoming Shale Development Trainings.

Bruce Jones, CareerLink, provided the following report:

#### Current Available Unemployment Data:

##### County

Monthly Seasonally Adjusted Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment data in Clinton County, PA for July 2012

Civilian Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Unemployment Rate (%)	Report
21,000	19,200	1,800	8.7	<a href="#">Time</a>

2011 Comparison:

Monthly Seasonally Adjusted Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment data in Clinton County, PA for July 2011

Civilian Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Unemployment Rate (%)	Report
19,800	18,300	1,600	7.9	<a href="#">Time</a>

## Pennsylvania

Monthly Seasonally Adjusted Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment data in Pennsylvania for August 2012

Civilian Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Unemployment Rate (%)
6,475,000	5,950,000	525,000	8.1

## United States

Monthly Seasonally Adjusted Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment data in the United States for August 2012

Civilian Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Unemployment Rate (%)
154,645,000	142,101,000	12,544,000	8.1

*Source: PA Dept of Labor and Industry*

*The PA CareerLink® Clinton County assisted 1,288 customers in the month of August and 1,030 to date in the month of September.*

### New Hires:

*August 2012 the CareerLink® verified 72 new hires with 2 in NG Industry.*

*September 2012 (incomplete data) the CareerLink® verified 16 new hires with 1 in NG Industry.*

CareerLink® Update: The CareerLink remains steadily busy with our core employers in manufacturing, healthcare and the service industry. In August and to date in the month of September the Manufacturing Industry has provided for the largest portion of our total new hires with 41 positions.

The Natural Gas Industry hiring activity continues to remain slower than the previous 6-8 months as we have placed 3 new hires in NG related employment between August and September. We anticipate some movement with new hiring and recruitment from Baker Hughes soon but as of yet have nothing to report. The NG positions recently verified include a Security Guard, Administrative Assistant and NG Apprentice.

### Upcoming Events:

Wednesday October 3, 2012- KCSD "Career Fair" from 1pm-7pm at the high school.

Thursday October 25, 2012- PA Career link-Clinton County Fall 2012 "Career Fair" from 10am-2pm at the CareerLink office.

**b. Public Safety Committee** – Kevin Fanning provided the following written report:

Addressing: No changes or additions to date.

Well Site Public Safety Response Personnel: Three (3) separate well sites tours have been conducted for emergency response personnel. Tours were of a Range Resources site in Gallagher Township, Clinton County. Jeff Snyder stated that the well site visit was very educational.

Act 9 Issue & Concerns: As a county with Marcellus activity, through PEMA we were asked to provide comment on Act 9. Clinton County's Department of Emergency Services provided written comment on concerns with some of the language as it related to signage for 9-1-1 addressing and the use of GPS coordinate information. Additionally, we also commented on the section, which pertains to emergency plans. Furthermore, we have shared information with PEMA regarding our county's 9-1-1 addressing ordinance and some of the processes we following in preparation for addressing of locations related to Marcellus. PEMA is in partnership with DEP in this process. We were asked to comment through PEMA, as they are the state agency we report to.

Tour of Trican: In lieu of a business meeting during September, the Public Safety Committee toured the Trican facility in Lamar Township on the evening of September 20, 2012.

The next meeting of the Public Safety Committee is scheduled for the evening of Thursday November 15, 2012.

**c. Economic Development** – Mike Flanagan provided the following report:

The county was represented at the recent Pennsylvania Independent Oil and Gas Association's annual show and conference in Monroeville, Pa. Several contacts were made with gas related firms; The Henry Street Partnership (former Avis Homes) had representation at the show to market the facility.

A representative for a gas related prospect recently visited the Lamar Township Business Park. The Baker Hughes project has a completion date goal of Nov. 30. An open house will be held at facility on Nov. 13 from 5 to 7 pm. A second sand building is planned for the Jersey Shore Steel (South Avis Realty) property.

The committee maintains a list of possible properties that could be used for gas industry interests. We will look to print an updated list in the near future.

**d. Public Education Committee** - Mitzi Gallagher reported that the committee continues to have lunch meetings. The committee hosted CGG VERITAS at their last meeting. She commended Jim Runkle for his "great, no wonderful" article in the Lock Haven Express. They will be hosting DMI next month.

**e. Environmental Committee** –Mary Ann Bower reported that the committee is having discussions regarding scheduling tours of a gas site, TRICAN, or Dominion Storage Facility.

**f. Transportation** – Wes Carson reported that Anadarko has wrapped up road improvements in Clinton County. Mitzi Gallagher reported that she spoke to PennDot and they have done some work on the Ice Mine Cut bump and will be repairing it fully.

### **III. Old Business:**

**a. Hyner Mountain access from Renovo** – Pete Smeltz reported that PennDot is working on a work zone traffic control plan. The gas companies have not expressed an interest to date. Shannon Tyson asked if the road could be widened. Pete responded that that would be a major capital project.

### **IV. Agency Reports:**

**DEP** – Dan Vilello distributed a fact sheet regarding how DEP regulates seismic activity. He reported that there would be a Natural Gas vehicle seminar on October 17<sup>th</sup> at Penn College. As of July 29, there were 150 permitted wells in Clinton County. There is Act 13 money available for plugging/capping orphan wells. Wayne Township Landfill is partnering with a western PA company to recycle well pad liners. He stated that this is a win-win for everyone and credit should be given to the Wayne Township Landfill. Clinton County is ahead of the game.

**Sproul State Forest** – Doug D’Amore reported that CGG VERITAS is done until spring. They are cleaning up their equipment and materials and DCNR is spot checking for thoroughness. PennDot is removing timber on Route 144 and has asked DCNR to facilitate a timber sale. They met with Anadarko to discuss Phase 1 of the well pad reclamation. DCNR will be tree planting on the fringes of the wells. Things have been quite. No one is actively drilling.

### **V. Industry Reports - None**

There was a discussion as to whether gas drilling would increase in 2013. Wes Carson said it is everyone’s guess. It depends on management’s decision. Pete Smeltz stated that this Gas Task Force needs to decide what to do in 2013. Is there something the group can work towards or do we lay back. He charged everyone to think about this. Wes Carson stated that a harsh cold winter can help. He said they are focusing on infrastructure now in preparation of being here for awhile. Dan Vilello added that there is still a lot of Anadarko activity on the Clinton/Lycoming Border.

### **VI. New Business:**

Pete Smeltz announced that there was a Public Hearing in Gallagher Township on September 11<sup>th</sup> to decide if the commissioners wished to amend the Zoning Ordinance to accommodate a frac water recycling facility in Clinton County. The commissioners voted to not amend the zoning ordinance. Jeff Snyder stated that he has no objections at looking at it in the future as long as it is not placed in a location that could affect headwaters.

Pete Smeltz stated that a PUC Report reflects that through Act 13, gas companies were billed \$205,710,000 and \$201,770,000 has been collected.

The commissioners are having conversations with agencies regarding tapping in to Act 13 housing money. Private enterprise is studying to place natural gas filling station in Clinton County and the commissioners support this effort. Mr. Long stated that he is working with SEDA Cog to expand infrastructure to expand gas lines.

**VII. Open Discussion:**

Tim Holladay stated that STEP, Inc. is considering submitting a PHARE application for Act 13 funding. The commissioners have supported STEP in their Housing Rehabilitation program over the years and have committed funding through CDBG and Act 137.

Shannon Tyson stated that Lock Haven University is looking into purchasing a third trolley that is natural gas instead of diesel.

The next Gas Task Force meeting will be October 30, 2012.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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