

UPPER DAUPHIN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
MEETING MINUTES
November 20, 2025

President Chris Dietz welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at the Halifax Township Municipal Building at 6:30PM. Attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance:

Dennis Henninger	Elizabethville Borough	Glenn Stoneroad	Washington Township
Peggy Kahler	Elizabethville Borough	Jane Lahr	Wayne Township
Ken Bechtel	Halifax Township	Joe Kerwin	State Representative 115 th
Scott McBurney	Halifax Township	Jack Kerwin	Solicitor
Carole Wertz	Lykens Borough	Matthew Hauck	Northern Dauphin EMS
Jeanette Crabb	Lykens Borough	Donald Shutt	N. Dauphin Reg. EMS
Jordan Shetterly	Mifflin Township	Joe Underkoffler	UP Twp. resident
John Shetterly	Mifflin Township	Rhonda & Rodney Lebo	UP Twp. residents
Chris Dietz	Millersburg Borough	Lindsey Grier	TCRPC
Ann Jackson	Millersburg Borough	James Swartz	LifeTeam EMS

Eight municipalities were represented, which established a quorum.

Approval of Minutes – Motion by Carole Wertz, seconded by Glenn Stoneroad to approve the July 17, 2025 minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report – Secretary Jackson reviewed the 2025 checkbook ledger with attendees. The October 22, 2025 balance is \$18,760.74. Motion by Glenn Stoneroad, seconded by Jordan Shetterly to approve the Treasurer’s Report as presented. Motion carried.

Correspondence – A thank you was received from Halifax Community National Night Out Committee for participating in the event. Travis Enders, with Cloud 5 Solutions (our IT service provider) emailed information on website ADA compliance. He will be doing a review for his clients and making recommendations, if necessary. His rates for services will be increasing, not to exceed 10%, in 2026.

Public Comment – No comments.

Guest Speakers – Representative Kerwin addressed the group regarding passage of the state budget. While the budget has been passed, it is not yet fully implemented. At 51.5 billion dollars, it represents a 5% increase over the 2025 budget. There is no tax increase and no “Rainy Day” funds will be touched. RGGI has been repealed, which is expected to increase income and jobs. Rep. Kerwin continues to work on state permitting reform (PennDOT and DEP) and correction of Cyber Charter School funding. A Q&A period followed Rep. Kerwin’s presentation.

New Business

Lindsey Grier announced the opportunity for the public to participate in two separate surveys. Input is requested for the Regional Growth Management Plan, which concerns future development of communities. Survey responses will assist in TCRCP’s planning efforts by setting the framework for a 10-year plan. Harrisburg Area Transportation Study is requesting input for the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure

Community Charging Program; specifically, where to place the charging stations. Ms. Grier encouraged members to help get the word out on these opportunities. The deadline for both surveys is December 31st.

Additionally, Ms. Grier reported that Jerry Duke will be starting the outreach process for municipal input for the Dauphin County Comprehensive Plan, in early 2026.

Old Business

EMS Authority Set-Up Update – President Dietz reviewed the most recent communications package with members. The goal of creating the authority is to stabilize and improve the EMS system. President Dietz’s review included a recap of the study components, the proposed key message points, the proposed model with zone set up and authority structure, a timeline from the beginning of 2026 through implementation and Q&A. President Dietz invited anyone interested in participating to contact him.

Discussion - Problems of Local Municipalities – Nothing further.

Announcements

Don Shutt reported that 35 municipalities have a resolution in place adopting the Dauphin County Hazard Mitigation Plan. This enables them to receive funding from the County. There will be no federal money for snowstorms this coming season. He encouraged members to use their EMCs to push issues to the County level. President Dietz suggested that municipalities invite their EMC to attend a monthly meeting and present what would happen in an emergency. Mr. Shutt also reported that Dauphin County Volunteer Firefighters is in the process of closing down.

President Dietz addressed the group regarding the end of his term as UDCOG president, expressing his gratitude for the opportunity to have served. Members thanked him for his leadership. January’s meeting will include election of officers – President, Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer.

Location For Next Meeting – The next meeting will be hosted by Wayne Township.

Adjournment – Motion by Jeanette Crabb, seconded by Jordan Shetterly to adjourn the meeting at 8:08PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Bowman Jackson
UDCOG Secretary/Treasurer