Sullivan County Council of Governments
September 27, 2011
Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by President Tim Brown.
Fred Jugan-Cherry Township
Rich Marks-Laporte Township
John Klus-Laporte Borough
Scot Sample-Dushore Borough
Bob Getz-Sullivan County Commissioners
Bill Stasiak-Colley Township
Tim Brown-Colley Township
Roy Zimmerman-Elkland Township
Ron Decker-Code Inspections Inc
John Huhn-Eagles Mere Borough
Carl Vough-Forks Township

Fred Jugan made a motion to accept the August minutes and John Klus seconded the motion all voted in favor so the motion was accepted.

A motion was made by Fred Jugan and seconded by Scot Sample to approve the Treasurers report when put to a vote all voted in favor so the motion was accepted.

Ron Decker stated on Thursday he will be having a meeting with Rick Huffsmith's attorney.

A memo was handed out to everyone asking if they would be willing to drop the COG fees by 50% for anyone needing a permit to fix structural damages that occurred from our last flood. Ron stated that the Code Inspections office was dropping their fees by 50% on qualifying projects until November 15, 2011. John Klus suggested that the cog wave their fees for suggested permits and John Huhn suggested waving the fees also. All voted to accept this suggestion of waving the fees till November 15, 2011.

Tim Brown stated that the contractors were stating on the Lopez Bridge today.

Tim Brown said that Posting and Bonding of the roads is a hard thing to enforce. He was told that all government vehicles are exempt from following these rules. Tim was also told by the state police that all weight restrictions were lifted due to the flooding and roads being closed.

Bob Getz stated that there are funds available to help pay for the cost of sand bags, but this doesn't include the cost of the sand. Clara is to send this information out to all municipalities and then get the information to Scot Sample so he can order the bags.

Bob Getz said that the CDBG meeting was cancelled and will be two weeks from today. All paperwork needs to be in by the meeting in order to receive any money. Also any buildings that might have floated down steam and are no longer on their own land these people should contact their supervisors and then the Code office and once it is cleared they will call the commissioners to have the building taken off the tax rolls. Fred Jugan stated that people whose cottages have floated down the creek need to have them cleaned up. There are about 150

cabins or cottages that have floated down stream or just gone. Due to Forks Township opting out Ron stated that he wouldn't be able to help them out to have their properties taken off the taxes.

Bob Getz checked with FEMA and to date only 340 people have contacted them so far. If people don't contact them they will be closing up soon and then it will be too late. Bob passed out a copy of an email and Clara should again forward it to all municipalities. People who inspect can't do the engineering. For example if Larson does an inspection then they won't be able to do the engineering of a bridge. Carl Vough stated that Sullivan Counties regular inspections are due in November if they do the inspections now will it still count for the November inspections? Bridge inspections are due every two years.

Scot Sample stated that the borough sent a letter to the planning commission to see about getting some retaining ponds build to hold back some of the storm water. Bob Getz stated that it would be hard to have a storm water management plan. John Klus disagrees with Bob on this subject he feels planning commission has no way of knowing and should be able to catch these things happening like new building and such that could be causing more water to flow downstream.

John Klus made a motion to pay the bills and John Huhn seconded the motion. All voted so the bills will be paid.

John Klus suggested that we should have a flag and say the pledge at the beginning of the meeting. John Huhn made a motion to get a flag and Scot Sample seconded the motion all voted to get a flag.

The meeting adjourned at 8:11