ELK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER MEETING
NOVEMBER 5, 2026 10:00 AM

LOCATION – ELK COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX
Thomas G. Wagner Conference Room

ELK COUNTY WEBSITE: **www.countyofelkpa.gov**

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

HOUSEKEEPING NOTE: THIS MEETING IS BEING RECORDED

INTRODUCTIONS

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 15, 2026 Commissioners Meeting

PRESENTATIONS-

1. Recognition of November 8th as National Parents as Teachers Day in Elk County.
2. Mr. Gary Anderson of the Elk County Healthcare Authority with an update.

RESOLUTIONS –

1. Resolution 2026-08 – Request by Planning, to partner with NTCAC to facilitate and administer the PHARE Homeless Prevention Program in the amount of $100,000.00

OLD BUSINESS –

NEW BUSINESS –

1. Request by Planning, bid opening for CDBG FY 2024 Project: Bridge Street Sidewalk Replacement in Johnsonburg Borough.
2. Request by Planning, bid opening for CDBG FY 2025 Project: Johnsonburg Community Center Accessible Entrance Improvement in Johnsonburg Borough.
3. Request by Probation, for new contract with Utilitac Equipment and Upfitting to purchase a 2025 Chevrolet Tahoe PPV in the amount of $61,081.92. This will be paid through Supervision Fund fees.
4. Request by Sheriff, for new 5-year contract between County of Elk and Axon Enterprise, Inc. for the purchase of eleven (11) TASER 10 Kits, including weapon, holsters, cartridges, and docking station. Total cost $40,011.19; $8,002.24 annually beginning January 1, 2027.
5. Request by Sheriff, purchase of G.L.O.V.E (Generated Low Output Voltage Emitter) from Compliant Technologies. This is an approved law enforcement recognized non-lethal compliance and de-escalation device. Total cost $3,062.75, including 2-year subscription to log all recorded use. This is a 2027 budgeted expense, paid in 2027.
6. Request by Sheriff, purchase of EBR (E-Band Restrictor) arm/ ankle bracelet from Compliant Technologies. This is an approved law enforcement recognized non-lethal

compliance and de-escalation device. Total cost $5,557.75, including 2-year subscription to log all recorded use. This is a 2027 budgeted expense, be paid in 2027.

7. Request by CYS, renewal contract with The Summit Academy, Inc. from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 for institutional placement provider. Cost is dependent on services provided and increased by up to 5%. The County's share is 40%.
8. Request by Planning, in conjunction with Resolution 2026-08; Memorandum of Understanding between Elk County Commissioners, Northern Tier Community Action Corporation, and Elk County Planning Office for application to Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency – Pennsylvania Housing Affordability and Rehabilitation Enhancement (PHARE) to establish the Elk County Housing Partnership.
9. Request by Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, new Trail Construction and Maintenance Agreement with KN Forest Conservation LLC for Conservation Easement for the Clarion Little Toby Creek Trail Extension.
10. Recommendation by Retirement Board, for approval of contract with Gabriel, Roeder, Smith, and Company (GRS) for pension software and actuary duties. One-time start-up fee of $14,000.00 and the yearly cost of $15,500.00. This was approved at the October 27, 2026 Retirement Board meeting.
11. Request by Veteran Affairs, approval of benefits for 3 Veteran burials, 2 spouse burials, and 2 headstones.
12. Request by Johnsonburg Borough, approval of Liquid Fuel Funds in the amount of $7,500.00 for winter rock salt.
13. Approval of 2027 Meetings and Holiday Calendar.
14. Request by Elk County Conservation District, reappointment to the Board of Directors:
    a. Greg Gebauer as Commissioner Director for a one year term from January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2027.
    b. Joe Labant as Public Director for a four year term from January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2030.
    c. Tom McMann as Public Director for a four year term from January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2030.
15. Request by Elk County Healthcare Authority, reappointment to the Board of Governors:
    a. Nathan Higgins for a five year term January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2031.
    b. Zach Pontious for a five year term from Jan 1, 2027 through December 31, 2031.
16. Request by Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)
    a. Accept resignation immediately of Tom Jesberger as Industrial Representative.
    b. Appoint Harley Ramsey as Industrial Representative to replace Tom Jesberger and complete his term which expires on December 31, 2026.
17. Request by Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) reappointment of three year terms from January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2029:
    a. Tracy Gerber, Planning Representative
    b. Matt Pfeufer, Economic Development Representative
    c. Harley Ramsey, Industrial Representative
18. Request by Elk County Planning Commission, reappointment of Planning Board Members for a four year term from January 1 2027 through December 31, 2030:
    a. Ron Minnick, Spring Creek Township
    b. Bill Chiesa, Johnsonburg Borough
19. Request by Elk County Redevelopment Authority, reappointment of Jennifer Hibbard as Board Member for a five year term from January 1 2027 through December 31, 2031.

CORRESPONDENCE – (The following correspondence is available in the Commissioners' office for further review.) -

1. Domtar Paper Company (received September 25th) regarding its intent to submit to the PA DEP a Plan Approval application (PAA). Domtar operates under Title V Operating Permit # 24-00009. The PAA is being submitted for the proposed Lime Kiln Shell Replacement Project. No increase in capacity is proposed. A 30-day public comment period is required under Title 25, subpart C, article III 127.43 on the PA code.
2. Stiffler McGraw (received October 6th) regarding Ridgway Twp Municipal Authority's intent to submit a Water Quality Management Permit (Part II) to the PA DEP. Project location is Evergreen Dr., Ridgway, PA. This notice is provided in accordance with PA Acts 14, which requires a 30-day public comment period.
3. SWCA Environmental Consultants (received October 19th) regarding intent of Enterprise TE Products Pipeline Company LLC to apply to the PA DEP for a Chapter 105 Water Obstruction and Encroachment Permit for proposed maintenance on their LID P40 AID 696 natural gas liquids pipeline in Benezette Twp., Elk County, and Gibson Twp., Cameron County. This notice is provided in accordance with Act 14, and PA Acts 67, 68, which requires a 30-day public comment period.
4. Dauch (GKN Sinter Metals) (received October 21st) regarding GKN's Sinter metal's intent to apply to the PA DEP for a renewal of existing NPDES Permit for Stormwater Discharge associated with industrial activities at 104 Fairview Rd. Kersey PA. This notice is provided in accordance with PA Act 14 which requires a 30-day public comment period.

GOOD OF THE COUNTY

- We welcome and encourage the public to attend our meetings.
- Thank you to Elections office and all staff who worked to facilitate a successful election process on November 3rd.
- County of Elk business offices will be closed on Wednesday, November 11th in honor of Veteran's Day.
- The PAGO Board approved a $3,500.00 marketing grant for Keystone Elk Country Alliance for the 2027 Great American Outdoor Show.
- Please continue to pray for our military personnel, our families and our children, their teachers, all elected officials and peace in the world.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS

COMMENTS FROM TAXPAYERS – Limit 5 minutes per individual

ADJOURN MEETING

Next Meeting:
10:00 A.M. November 19, 2026
Thomas G. Wagner Conference Room, Courthouse Annex