

January 16, 2025
Office of the County of Elk Commissioners
Meeting Minutes

Elk County, Ridgway, PA

The County of Elk Commissioners met on Thursday, January 16, 2025 at 10:00 AM, County of Elk Courthouse Annex, Thomas G. Wagner Conference Room. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Those present were Commissioners M. Fritz Lecker, Matthew G. Quesenberry and Gregory J. Gebauer. Also present were Rick Brown, Solicitor; Patrick Straub, Chief Clerk; Emily Anders, Office Administrator; Calvin Moore, IT Director; Matthew Frey, Treasurer; Kimberly Frey, Elections Director; Jason Bowen, Assistant Chief of Probation; Derick Morey, Chief of Probation; Nancy Baker, CYS Director; Becki Taylor, CDBG Coordinator; Tracy Gerber, Planning Director; and Marilyn Secco, press.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Matthew G. Quesenberry made a motion to add a new contract with Thomas R. Cooney Logging, LLC, to the agenda as New Business #5, as the Commissioners had just received the contract and this is a time sensitive issue. Second by Gregory J. Gebauer and carried unanimously. Motion by Matthew G. Quesenberry to approve the agenda with the addition, second by M. Fritz Lecker and carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES– January 2, 2025 Commissioners Meeting

Motion by Gregory J. Gebauer, second by Matthew G. Quesenberry and carried unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

RESOLUTIONS

1. 2025-02 – Request by Planning, reappoint Kathy McClelland as the 2025 Fair Housing Officer for Elk County and on behalf of (OBO) the Ridgway Borough. **Motion by M. Fritz Lecker, second by Matthew G. Quesenberry and carried unanimously.**

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Request by Emergency Services, renewal contract with Vertiv Corporation for service and support from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025. Cost will be \$17,932.19. This amount will be paid from the E-911 Wireless Fund: our regional 911 group for which Elk County hold fiduciary responsibilities. **Motion by Gregory J. Gebauer, second by Matthew G. Quesenberry and carried unanimously.**
2. Request by Planning, agreement with PennDOT to select a consultant on our behalf to inspect bridges within Elk County. This consultant would be utilized for a period of 6 years for three full 2-year inspection cycles. **Tracy Gerber stated this process is done every 6 years and there is no cost to the County of Elk. Motion by Matthew G. Quesenberry, second by Gregory J. Gebauer and carried unanimously.**

3. Request by CYS, new agreement with New Life Adolescents, LLC for group home placements from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 at the rate of \$416.06 per day. **Nancy Baker stated CYS has one child placed here. Motion by Gregory J. Gebauer, second by Matthew G. Quesenberry and carried unanimously.**
4. Request by Probation, renewal agreement with Northern Tier Children's Home, Inc. for residential treatment space at Potter County Women's Recovery Center at \$90.00 per day, an increase of \$5.00 per day. This amount will be paid from the Opioid Funds. **Derick Morey stated one person was placed here with Opioid Funds. Motion by Matthew G. Quesenberry, second by Gregory J. Gebauer and carried unanimously.**
5. New contract with Thomas R. Cooney Logging, LLC in the amount of \$7,000.00 for site preparation for the Emergency Communications Tower project. **Matthew G. Quesenberry stated the work was to clear trees and build an access road. This work is to be completed by March 31, 2025. Motion by Gregory J. Gebauer, second by Matthew G. Quesenberry and carried unanimously.**

CORRESPONDENCE – (The following correspondence, if any, is available in the Commissioner's office for further review.)

1. Amphenol Sensors (received December 13th) regarding intent of Amphenol Thermometrics, Inc. to apply to the PA DEP, Bureau of Air Quality, for renewal of their State Only Operating (air) Permit. Project is located at 964 Windfall Rd., City of St. Marys. This notice is provided in accordance with 25 PA Code 127.43a and by Section 1905-A of the PA Administrative Code, as amended by Act 14 which requires a 30 day public comment period.
2. WHM Group, LLC (received December 16th) regarding National Fuel Corp's intent to apply to the PA DEP for a General Permit (GP-11) Waterway Obstruction and Encroachment Permit for maintenance, testing, repair, rehabilitation or replacement of waterway obstructions regarding the North Michael Street Culvert Replacement Project. The project is located in the Laurel Run Dam – Elk Creek Watershed, City of St. Marys and has a designated use of Cold Water Fisheries. This notice is provided pursuant to PA Code 25, Chapter 93 Quality Standards; and PA Code Section 1905-A, as amended by Act 14, which requires a 30 day public comment period.
3. KLH Engineers, Inc. (December 23rd) regarding intent of City of St. Marys to file apply to the PA DEP for General Permits; GP-11 Waterway Obstruction and Encroachment Permit and a GP-3 - Streambank Stabilization. The project name is Wastewater Treatment Plant Access Bridge Replacement. Project location is 282 State St., City of St. Marys. This notice is provided pursuant to PA Administrative Code Section 1905-A, as amended by Act 14, which requires a 30 day public comment period.

GOOD OF THE COUNTY

- We welcome and encourage the public to attend our meetings.
- Election candidates' night will be February 11th at 6:00PM. **Kim Frey spoke of the event taking place at the Annex building and who should attend.**
- Courthouse offices will be closed January 20th in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr.
- **M. Fritz Lecker spoke of the pending arrival of the America250PA Liberty Bell which should arrive on Friday, January 17 and the plans for decorating the bell.**

- 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

1. Re NB#2, Marilyn Secco asked about the condition of the bridges in Elk County. Tracy Gerber stated a consultant inspects these bridges every 2 years and all finding are reviewed with the County. There are 35 bridges covered by this consultant, all of which are over 20 feet. Bridges under 20 feet are the responsibility of the municipality to maintain.

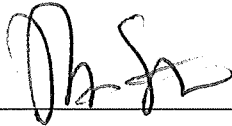
COMMENTS FROM TAXPAYERS – N/A

ADJOURN MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 AM on a motion by Matthew G. Quesenberry.

**Next Meeting:
10:00 A.M. Thursday, February 6, 2025
Thomas G. Wagner Conference Room, Courthouse Annex**

Attest: _____

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "D. S.", written over a horizontal line.