

**January 8, 2026
Elk County Board of Commissioners
Meeting Minutes**

Elk County, Ridgway, PA

The Elk County Board of Commissioners met on Thursday, January 8, 2026 at 10:00 AM, Elk County 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; Mike McAllister, Emergency Services Director; and Marilyn Secco, Press.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES— December 30, 2025 Commissioners Meeting

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

PRESENTATIONS

RESOLUTIONS –

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Request by IT, renewal contract with Barracuda.
 - a. Barracuda Cloud Archiving Service subscription from January 13, 2026 through January 12, 2027 in the amount of \$2,095.20.
 - b. Barracuda Backup Service subscription from March 7, 2026 through January 12, 2027 in the amount of \$4,114.00

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

2. Prevention and Treatment Services Grant Agreement between Cameron/ Elk/ McKean Counties and the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs (DDAP) in an amount up to \$1,171,201 for the operation and administration of Single County Authority (SCA) The performance period for this grant begins on January 1, 2026 and ends June 30, 2030. **Motion to approve by Matthew G. Quesenberry, second by Gregory J. Gebauer and carried unanimously.**
3. Request by Emergency Services, acceptance of the 2025 911 Statewide Interconnectivity Funding in the amount of \$1,443,115.79 between the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, acting through PEMA (PEMA) and Elk County, as fiduciary for the Northern Tier Regional 911 System. The performance period for this grant begins on January 1, 2026 and ends on December 31, 2026. The Grant funding expires January 31, 2027. **Motion to approve by Gregory J. Gebauer, second by Matthew G. Quesenberry and carried unanimously.**

4. Request by Emergency Services, renewal contract in the amount of \$19,003.51 between Vertiv Corporation and Elk County as fiduciary for the Northern Tier Regional 911 System for service and support. The contract term begins January 1, 2026 and ends December 31, 2026. **Motion to approve by Matthew G. Quesenberry, second by Gregory J. Gebauer and carried unanimously.**
5. Request from CYS, renewal contract with George N. Dagher as Agency Solicitor with a 2.75% increase from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026 in the amount of \$42,947.24. **Motion to approve by Matthew G. Quesenberry, second by Gregory J. Gebauer and carried unanimously.**
6. Request from Veteran Affairs, approval of benefits for 7 veteran burials, 1 widow burial, and 6 veteran headstones. **Motion to approve by Gregory J. Gebauer, second by M. Fritz Lecker and carried unanimously.**

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

1. Beran Environmental Services on behalf of EQT Production Company (received December 17th) regarding their intent to file apply to PA DEP for a Chapter 105 Waterway Obstruction and Encroachment Permit for eight (8) a GP-8 Temporary Road Crossing and one (1) GP-11 Maintenance Testing, Repair, Rehabilitation or Replacement of Water Obstructions. The project name is “Charleroi Mountain Club #2019” and is located in Benezette Township. The project will involve plugging of an existing shallow gas well and reclamation/ restoration of same. 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.
2. Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PAPUC) (received December 17th) regarding notice of application on behalf of West Penn Power Company for approval to alter the public crossing (DOT 505 753 D) by installing a fiber optic cable where Grant St, crosses at grade, three (3) railroad tracks owned by Buffalo & Pittsburgh Railroad located in Johnsonburg. This notice is provided pursuant to 52 PA Code, paragraphs 1.31 and 5.44, which requires a 20 day public comment period.

GOOD OF THE COUNTY

- We welcome and encourage the public to attend our meetings.
- PAGO, Grants for Rock Valley Revival and Elk County Blizzard Fest in the amount of \$3,000 each for advertising
- America250PA update: Kick Off Event will be held on January 27th at the Elk County Historical Society. Grant recipient checks to be mailed next week
- 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

ADJOURN MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 AM on a motion by Matthew G. Quesenberry.

Next Meeting:
10:00 A.M. Thursday, January 22, 2026
Thomas G. Wagner Conference Room, Courthouse Annex

Attest: _____

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'D. J.', is written over a horizontal line.