

October 2, 2025
Office of the County of Elk Commissioners
Meeting Minutes

Elk County, Ridgway, PA

The County of Elk Commissioners met on Thursday, October 2, 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; Becki Taylor, CDBG Coordinator; Jasmine Peterson, Domestic Relations Director; Marsha Dippold, Dickinson Center, Inc.; and Marilyn Secco, Press.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 18, 2025 Commissioners Meeting

Motion by M. Fritz Lecker, second by Gregory J. Gebauer and carried unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

1. National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM) – Marsha Dippold from Dickinson Center, Inc. **Motion to approve by Gregory J. Gebauer, second by Matthew G. Quesenberry and carried unanimously.**

RESOLUTIONS –

1. 2025-06 – Approval of the FY 2025 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application. **Motion to approve by Matthew G. Quesenberry, second by Gregory J. Gebauer and carried unanimously.**

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Request from Domestic Relations, renewal contract with Rebekka Dean as the Elk- Cameron Hearing Officer from October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2030 at a rate of \$150.00 per hour. **Jasmine Peterson explained DRS is a 3 tier agency, which requires a Hearing Officer. Motion to approve by Gregory J. Gebauer, second by Matthew G. Quesenberry and carried unanimously.**
2. Renewal agreement between County of Elk and Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture designating Northern Tier Community Action Corp, as lead agency for the Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) from October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2026. **Motion to approve by M. Fritz Lecker, second by Matthew G. Quesenberry and carried unanimously.**
3. Request from Veteran Affairs, approval of benefits for 3 veteran burials, 1 spouse burial, and 3 veteran headstones. **Motion to approve by Matthew G. Quesenberry, second by Gregory J. Gebauer and carried unanimously.**
4. Request from CY5, renewal of grants for July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026:
 - a. Family Group Decision Making for \$45,000.00 a decrease of \$25,000.00.
 - b. Family Redevelopment for \$45,000.00 an increase of \$20,000.00.

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

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

1. Larson Design Group (LDG) (received September 17th) regarding National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation’s (NFG) intent to apply to the PA DEP for a NPDES General Permit 8 for the placement of a temporary bridge. Included are all permits required under PA Code Title 25, Environmental Protection, Chapter 105, Dam Safety and Waterway Management. Project name is Belmouth Bridge Project, and is located in Horton Twp.

GOOD OF THE COUNTY

- We welcome and encourage the public to attend our meetings.
- America250PA update:
 - The Liberty Bell will be dedicated on the Courthouse Lawn on November 6, 2025. The public is cordially invited to attend.
 - The A250PA-Elk County Grant application deadline is October 15, 2025 @ 4:00 pm
- The Veteran Affairs office will be closed on October 7, 2025 from 12:30PM to 4:00PM for mandatory training.
- 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. Marilyn Secco asked Jasmine Peterson for clarification on the Hearing Officer position.

COMMENTS FROM TAXPAYERS

ADJOURN MEETING

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

**Next Meeting:
10:00 A.M. Thursday, October 16, 2025
Thomas G. Wagner Conference Room, Courthouse Annex**

Attest: _____

