

November 20, 2025

**Office of the County of Elk Commissioners
Meeting Minutes**

Elk County, Ridgway, PA

The County of Elk Commissioners met on Thursday, November 20, 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; Scott Atwell, Warden; Dwight Hoare and Gary Anderson, Elk County Health Care Authority; Ernie Mattiuz, Ray McMinn; Brandy Hollobaugh, and Chuck Hollobaugh, Elk County Farm Bureau; 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

1. November 6, 2025 Regular Commissioners Meeting. **Motion to approve by Gregory J. Gebauer, second by Matthew G. Quesenberry and carried unanimously.**
2. November 13, 2025 Special Commissioners Meeting. **Motion to approve by Matthew G. Quesenberry, second by Gregory J. Gebauer and carried unanimously.**

PRESENTATIONS

1. Elk County Healthcare Authority update: **Gary Anderson gave a presentation about the events the Health Care Authority has attended and their goals.**
2. 50th Anniversary of the Elk County Farm Bureau **Members spoke of the many activities organized by the Farm Bureau. The Elk County Farm Bureau was awarded a citation for their hard work after a motion to approve by Matthew G. Quesenberry, second by M. Fritz Lecker and carried unanimously.**

RESOLUTIONS –

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. New contract between County of Elk and Amy Fedus for Administrative Services in the Coroner's office from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026 at an annual rate of \$6,000.00. **Motion to approve by Matthew G. Quesenberry, second by Gregory J. Gebauer and carried unanimously.**
2. Request from Prison, renewal contract between the County of Elk and Centre County for inmate housing from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026 at a rate of \$75.00 per day per inmate. **Motion to approve by Gregory J. Gebauer, second by Matthew G. Quesenberry and carried unanimously.**

3. Request from Veteran Affairs, approval of benefits for 5 Veteran burials, 1 spouse burial, and 4 Veteran headstones. **Motion to approve by Matthew G. Quesenberry, second by Gregory J. Gebauer and carried unanimously.**
4. Request from Elk County Housing Authority, reappointment of Joseph Dagher to the ECHA Board of Commissioners from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2030. **Motion to approve by Matthew G. Quesenberry, second by Gregory J. Gebauer and carried unanimously.**
5. Request from the Elk County Healthcare Authority, reappointment for a term of five years on the Board of Governors expiring December 31, 2030:
 - a. Dr. David Johe
 - b. Crystal Ginther**Motion to approve 5a and 5b by Gregory J. Gebauer, second by Matthew G. Quesenberry and carried unanimously.**
6. Request from Area Transportation Authority, appointment of Joseph Dagher to the Board of Directors for a term to expire December 31, 2030. **Motion to approve by Gregory J. Gebauer, second by Matthew G. Quesenberry and carried unanimously.**
7. Request from Elk County Conservation District, reappointment to the Board of Directors:
 - a. Mike Hovatter as a Public Director for a term to expire December 31, 2029.
 - b. Greg Gebauer as Commissioner Director for a term to expire December 31, 2026.**Motion to approve 7a and 7b by Matthew G. Quesenberry, second by M. Fritz Lecker and carried unanimously.**
8. Request from Elk County Planning Commission, reappointment for a term of four years, expiring December 31, 2029:
 - a. Attorney Becky Krieg
 - b. Dale Anderson
 - c. Brandi Hanes**Motion to approve 8a, 8b, and 8c by Matthew G. Quesenberry, second by Gregory J. Gebauer and carried unanimously.**
9. Request from Elk County Redevelopment Authority, reappointment of Joseph Haines for a term of five years, expiring December 31, 2030. **Motion to approve by Matthew G. Quesenberry, second by Gregory J. Gebauer and carried unanimously.**
10. Request from the Ridgway Elk Chamber of Commerce, Courthouse Lawn use on November 28, 2025 for Light Up Night. **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. Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc. (CEC) (received November 5th) regarding Greentree Landfill, LLC’s intent to renew its PA DEP NPDES permit #PA 0103446 at the Municipal Solid Waste Landfill located in Fox Twp. [CEC Project# 350-713]. This notice is provided in accordance with PA Acts 14, and Acts 67, 68 and 127 which requires applicant to provide 30 day notice to each municipality and county in which the facility is located.
2. Dewberry Engineers, Inc. (received November 6th) regarding PennDOT’s intent to file apply for a PA DEP Waterway Obstruction Permit on behalf of Jones Township. [Dewberry Project# 50181384]. This project involves the replacement of T-364 structure over Hoffman Run and is located in Jones Twp. This notice is provided in accordance with PA Act 14 which requires applicant to provide 30 day notice to each municipality and county in which the work is performed.

3. GAI Consultants, Inc. (received November 10th) regarding Mid-Atlantic Interstate Transmission, LLC's (a FirstEnergy Company) intent to apply to PA DEP for a GP-8 [General Permit Temporary Access to Streams and Wetlands] and GP-11 [Repair, Testing and Maintenance of utility lines in Streams and Wetlands]. [GAI Project# R2305575.00]. Project name is Dubois-Harvey Run Whetstone 115kV Transmission Line rebuild, and involves work in Clearfield, Jefferson, and portions of Horton Twp., Elk County. This notice is provided in accordance with PA Act 14, which requires applicant to provide 30 day notice to each municipality and county in which the work is performed.

GOOD OF THE COUNTY

- We welcome and encourage the public to attend our meetings.
- Patrick Straub was reappointed to the CCAP Health Alliance Board of Directors as the 6th Class County Representative for a term to expire December 31, 2027.
- Recognition of Harry Whiteman for his service on the ATA Board of Directors.
- County Row Office Employee Appreciation Week
- The emergency 911 tower in Jones Township has been completed.
- Happy Thanksgiving.
- 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 what CCAP stands for. Matthew G. Quesenberry stated County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania.

COMMENTS FROM TAXPAYERS

ADJOURN MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM on a motion by Gregory J. Gebauer.

**Next Meeting:
10:00 A.M. Thursday, December 4, 2025
Thomas G. Wagner Conference Room, Courthouse Annex**

Attest: _____

