

December 30, 2024
Office of the County of Elk Commissioners
Meeting Minutes

Elk County, Ridgway, PA

The County of Elk Commissioners met on Monday, December 30, 2024 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 Patrick Straub, Chief Clerk; Emily Anders, Office Administrator; and Calvin Moore, IT Director. Joining via Zoom was Terry Brawand. Excused was Rick Brown, Solicitor.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES– December 19, 2024 Commissioners Meeting

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

OLD BUSINESS -N/A

NEW BUSINESS

1. Review and consider for adoption the County of Elk 2025 Budget. **Patrick Straub explained various changes, and updates which occurred to the budget subsequent to public inspection posting date of December 6th, 2024. These modifications resulted in slightly lower projected expenses of \$12,949,525.00, and higher revenue of \$12,007,836. This resulted in a positive budget variance and a lower than previously projected deficit of (\$941,689). The shortfall will be met with available County cash reserves. There is no proposed real estate tax increase for 2025. Motion by Matthew G. Quesenberry, second by Gregory J. Gebauer and carried unanimously.**
2. Ratification of new contract with Michael Baker International for GIS data conversion, training and support services for 1 year at a cost of \$78,048.00 which will be funded by ARPA. **Motion by Matthew G. Quesenberry, second by Gregory J. Gebauer and carried unanimously.**
3. Ratification of new contract with ESRI for GIS licensing for 3 years at a net cost of \$108,121.92 which will be funded by ARPA. **M. Fritz Lecker stated this would be a contract approval and not a ratification. The County currently has GIS licensing with ESRI provided through a Public Safety Small Government Enterprise Agreement (PSSGEA) which will be terminated effective 1/1/25 at the onset of the new SGEA and the remaining contract credit of \$14,578.08 will be applied to gross new invoice total of \$122,700 for SGEA. 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.)

GOOD OF THE COUNTY

- We welcome and encourage the public to attend our meetings.
- 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 - N/A

COMMENTS FROM TAXPAYERS

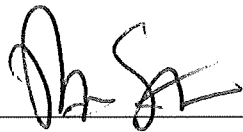
1. Terry Brawand made comments regarding the 2025 proposed budget, transparency, and the Right to Know process.

ADJOURN MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 10:17 AM on a motion by Gregory J. Gebauer.

Next Meeting:
10:00 A.M. Thursday, January 2, 2025
Thomas G. Wagner Conference Room, Courthouse Annex

Attest: _____

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