

March 19, 2026
Elk County Board of Commissioners
Meeting Minutes

Elk County, Ridgway, PA

The Elk County Board of Commissioners met on Thursday, March 19 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; Stephen Sunderland, IT Technician; Matthew Frey, Treasurer; Beau Grove, District Attorney; Rob Dickinson, Penn State Extension; Michele McMinn, PA Farm Bureau; and Marilyn Secco, Press.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES– February 19 2026 Commissioners Meeting

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

PRESENTATIONS

1. Proclamation of March as Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month with Kara Dornisch from Western PA Bleeding Disorders Foundation. **Motion to approve by Gregory J. Gebauer, second by Matthew G. Quesenberry and carried unanimously.**
2. Proclamation of Pennsylvania 4-H Week from March 15 – March 21 2026 with Rob Dickinson from Penn State Extension. **Motion to approve by Matthew G. Quesenberry, second by Gregory J. Gebauer and carried unanimously.**
3. **Michele McMinn spoke about AG week and reading to the students at school.** The Commissioners had been invited to participate but were unable due to the regularly scheduled commissioner meeting.

RESOLUTIONS –

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Request by District Attorney, renewal contract with GovA1 Software Solutions LLC for Prosecutor Management System software, support, maintenance and licensing from January 1 2026 through December 31 2026 at the rate of \$2,125.00. **Motion to approve by Gregory J. Gebauer, second by Matthew G. Quesenberry and carried unanimously.**
2. Request by Maintenance, ratification of contract with Stark Tech Operating Company, LLC in the amount of \$167,400.00 for extension of existing Schneider Electric Direct Digital Control system to all Annex HVAC units which have been previously approved and are being simultaneously installed. Project scope includes engineering, material, programming, training and licensing. Paid from Act 13 funds. **Motion to approve by Matthew G. Quesenberry, second by Gregory J. Gebauer and carried unanimously.**

3. Request by Mark Head from ATA, appointment of Thomas Fledderman to the ATA Board from April 1 2026 through December 31 2027 to complete David Wolfe's term. **Motion to approve by Gregory J. Gebauer, second by M. Fritz Lecker and carried unanimously.**
4. Request by Veteran Affairs, approval of benefits for 7 veteran burials, 3 spouse burials, and 6 veteran headstones. **Motion to approve by Gregory J. Gebauer, second by Matthew G. Quesenberry and carried unanimously.**
5. Request by St. Leo School, Courthouse lawn request for a banner promoting the St. Leo School Trout Derby from available date until May 11 2026. **Motion to approve by Gregory J. Gebauer, second by Matthew G. Quesenberry and carried unanimously.**
6. Announcement of Act 13 Spring Round Mini-Grant Awards. **See list attached.**

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

1. BTE GT&S (received February 6th) regarding intent of Eastern Gas Transmission and Storage, Inc. to PA DEP for a GP-8 General Permit Temporary Access to Streams and Wetlands and GP-11 Repair, Testing and Maintenance, Repair and Rehabilitation of Water Obstructions and Encroachments. Project name is LN-20 Exposure Project. The purpose is to perform maintenance to the existing LN-20 pipeline due to an exposure from illegal ATV activity. 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. Keystone Powdered Metal Company (received February 11th) regarding their intent to apply to PA DEP for an National Pollutant Elimination System (NPDES) renewal application for Industrial Waste from its 251 Statute St, St. Marys facility. This is an existing discharge and consists of storm water runoff and in the event of a power failure, the discharge on non-contact cooling water discharge of treated wastewater from the Borough's Water Treatment. 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.
3. AAM Metal Forming (received Feb 23rd) regarding their intent to apply to PA DEP for an National Pollutant Elimination System (NPDES) permit renewal application for the facility located at 197 West Creek Rd., 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.
4. Graftech International (received February 28th) regarding their intent to submit an application to PA DEP to renew the facility Title V operating permit for their facility located in St. Marys, PA. This notice is provided in accordance with 25 PA Code Section 127.413 for municipal and county notification upon application for an operating permit plan approvals which requires a 30-day public comment period.
5. U.S. Dept of Agriculture (USDA) (received March 9th) regarding the availability of the Laurel Run Assessment for public review. If you have questions concerning this project or would like to request hard copies of the project documents, please contact Wendy Anderson, Forest Land Management Planner at 814-728-6142 or wendy.anderson@usda.gov.

GOOD OF THE COUNTY

- We welcome and encourage the public to attend our meetings.
- America250PA update

- Bid opening for Prison brick repair and sealing, window restoration project at April 2nd BOC meeting. A non-mandatory pre- bid meeting is being held today.
- The PAGO board has approved the printing of 25,000 Elk County Wayfinding maps at the cost of \$7,900.00.
- The Commissioners meeting on April 16 2026 will be held at the EMA Center on Ridgmont Drive Center in Ridgway. The public is welcome to attend.
- Patrick Straub, Chief Clerk, was the recipient of the PCOMP Paul Ziegler award for his exemplary service to PCOMP and the County of Elk.
- 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

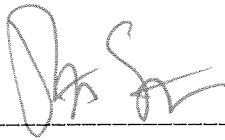
COMMENTS FROM TAXPAYERS N/A

ADJOURN MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 AM on a motion by Gregory J. Gebauer.

**Next Meeting:
10:00 A.M. Thursday, April 2, 2026
Thomas G. Wagner Conference Room, Courthouse Annex**

Attest: _____

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

MEDIA RELEASE					
Act 13 Mini Grants -SPRING ROUND 2026					
Applicant	Project	Description	Cost of Project	Amount Requested	Award
	3/11/2026				
Ridgway Recreational Association	Ridgway Skate Park	3ft high half pipe for beginners and younger kids	\$10,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
City of St. Marys	Benzinger Park Trout Unlimited	Phase 1 stream enhancement and accessibility improvement	\$40,409.00	\$10,000.00	\$5,000.00
First Evangelical Lutheran Church	AED machine	will serve parishoners and is a polling place	\$2,100.00	\$2,100.00	\$2,100.00
St. Leo School	Crisis Supplies	Stop the bleed kits for classrooms and church	\$1,679.59	\$1,679.59	\$1,679.00
Highland Twp. Volunteer Fire Dept.	Equipment	Replace outdated equipment for efficiency	\$9,852.00	\$9,852.00	\$9,852.00
Boy Scout Troop 95	Training equip. canopy & Plaque	training equipment, pop up canopy and eagle scout recognition pla	\$2,025.75	\$2,025.75	\$2,025.00
Ridgway Knights of Columbus	Meeting Room phase 2	Resoration of Meeting room	\$22,500.00	\$10,000.00	\$5,000.00
St. Marys Sportsmens Club	UTV	Side by Side to assist older members w/transportaion over fields	\$27,921.50	\$10,000.00	\$7,500.00
Johnsonburg Community Center	Handicap door replacement	replacement of handicap entrance door	\$6,285.00	\$2,713.00	\$2,713.00
Bennetts Valley Ambulance	Masimo CO Sensors - Adult & Peds	ability to check the CO level of firemen and patients exposed to sm	\$9,180.00	\$9,180.00	\$9,180.00
Fox Township Volunteer Fire Dept.	Utility Truck	2026 GMC 2500 truck to assist with traffic control	\$59,235.00	\$10,000.00	\$7,500.00
Ridgway Twp Mun Authority	grinder Pump Repair	Sewer Lift Station Grinder Pump Repair	\$12,935.00	\$10,000.00	\$8,000.00
Elk County Historical Society	Archive Maintenance	Replace Furnace	\$4,520.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Elk County Humane Society	Window replacement	Window replacement	\$7,401.50	\$7,401.50	\$5,451.00
TOTAL AMOUNT AWARDED					\$75,000.00

*To be announced at 3/19 Commissioner meeting