

April 18, 2024

Office of the County of Elk Commissioners

Meeting Minutes

Elk County, Ridgway, PA

The County of Elk Commissioners met on Thursday, April 4, 2024 at 10:00 AM, Bennetts Valley Community Center, Weedville, PA. 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; Becki Taylor, CDBG Coordinator; Rick Krulia, Bennetts Valley Community Center Committee Director; Kathy Blake and Joe Uberti, Jr, Jay Township Supervisors; Tim Wells, GPI; John Straitiff, Executive Director PAGO; Jodi Guisto, Northern PA Regional College Representative; Ernie Mattiuz, Elk County Farm Bureau; Ryan Miller, ARS Engineering Services; Guests: Clark Lecker, John Bricen, Christine Gavazzi, and Bob Coppolo; and Marilyn Secco, Press.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

PRESENTATIONS –

John Straitiff, Executive Director gave an update on PAGO

1. Rick Krulia from Bennett's Valley Community Center Committee spoke of the Committees plans for the building.
2. Kathy Blake from Jay Township Supervisors spoke of the work the Supervisors were doing to improve the Community Center
3. Jodi Guisto from Northern Pennsylvania Regional College spoke of available classes, both credit and career learning courses
4. Ernie Mattiuz-Elk County Farm Bureau spoke of legislative issues affected the farmers in our area.

RESOLUTIONS –

1. **2024-12** - Revise the FY 2020 CDBG Application to decrease the Ridgway Borough Curb Cut Project (Hill Street Area) Project and to increase the Ridgway Borough Curb Cut Project (Center Street Area) **Motion made by Matthew G. Quesenberry, second by Gregory J. Gebauer and carried unanimously.**

OLD BUSINESS –

1. Request by CDBG, Johnsonburg Borough 2nd Ave Parking Lot Bid (Re-bid) Recommendation for approval. **Ryan Miller, ARS Engineering Services stated the low bid by S.E. Rodich (\$20,825.00) was acceptable to the Johnsonburg Borough and recommended approving this bid. Motion made by Gregory J. Gebauer, second by Matthew G. Quesenberry and carried unanimously.**

NEW BUSINESS

1. *Request by CDBG, FY 2021 Ridgway Borough Curb Cut Project (Center Street Area)
Bid Opening.
 - a. St. Marys Paving \$155,430.00
 - b. Steger Masonary \$97,515.00
2. *Request by CDBG, FY 2022 Ridgway Borough Curb Cut Project (Long Street Area)
Bid Opening.
 - a. St. Marys Paving \$127,760.00
 - b. Steger Masonary \$80,595.00

***New business 1 & 2 were voted on together. Ryan Miller and Becki Taylor reviewed the bids. Ryan Miller recommended tabling the bids until the May 9 meeting. A motion by M. Fritz Lecker to table, second by Gregory J. Gebauer and carried unanimously.**

3. Request by Planning Department for Jones Township, Appointment of Becky Krieg to finish the term left vacant by Fred Swanson on the Elk County Planning Commission. Term would run from appointment until December 31, 2025. **A motion by Matthew G. Quesenberry, second by Gregory J. Gebauer, carried unanimously.**
4. Request by Veterans Affairs, 5 veteran burial requisitions and 2 veteran headstone forms. **A motion made by Gregory J. Gebauer, second by M. Fritz Lecker, carried unanimously.**
5. Request by CYS, renewal contract with Taylor Diversion Programs, Inc. from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. **A motion by Matthew G. Quesenberry, second by Gregory J. Gebauer, carried unanimously.**

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

1. P. Joseph Lehman, Inc. (received April 5th) regarding intent to file apply to PA DEP for a Chapter 105 Waterway Obstruction and Encroachment Permit. The project involves the replacement of existing bridge on S.R. 0948 section A02 over Little Mill Creek. Project location is Ridgway Township. 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. Arcadis U.S., Inc. (received April 12th) regarding Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC’ s intent to file apply to PA DEP for a Chapter 105 Waterway Engineering and Wetlands General Permit. The project name is “Line 4226 SR948 Road Crossing Casing Mitigation Project”. Project location is Highland Township. 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. Pennsylvania Department of Transportation [PennDOT] (received April 9th) regarding intent to file apply to PA DEP application for replacement of the existing structure with box culvert in the existing location (Spring/ Summer 2025). Project location is S.R. 0120, Segment 0420/ Offset 1705, City of St. Marys over Big Run. The project name is “S.R.

0120, Section A08 Bridge Replacement". 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.

GOOD OF THE COUNTY

- We welcome and encourage the public to attend our meetings.
- National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week- April 14-20. **Gregory J. Gebauer spoke of the importance of our 911 Dispatcher and thanked them for their duties in a highly stressful job.**
- We encourage all registered voters to vote in the Primary Election on Tuesday, April 23.
- Please continue to pray for our military personnel, our families and our children, their teachers, all elected officials and peace in the world.
- **The Commissioners awarded the Bennetts Valley Community Center Committee a recently adopted official flag of Elk County.**
- **John Straitiff stated Glen Hazel Getaways has joined PAGO.**

QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS

1. Marilyn Secco asked for a picture of Ernie Mattiuz

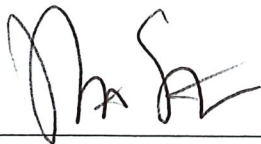
QUESTIONS FROM TAXPAYERS – N/A

ADJOURN MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10AM on a motion by Gregory J. Gebauer.

Next Meeting:
Thursday, May 9, 2024
10:00 A.M. Thomas G. Wagner Conference Room, Courthouse Annex

Attest: _____

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