

April 16, 2026

**Elk County Board of Commissioners
Meeting Minutes**

Elk County, Ridgway, PA

The Elk County Board of Commissioners met on Thursday, October 2, 2026 at 10:00 AM, 9-1-1 Center, Ridgmont Drive, Ridgway. 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; RoseAnn Ehrensberger, 911 Coordinator; Stephen Sunderland, IT Technician; Mike McAllister, EMA Director; LeeAnn Covac, Judicial Administrator; Gary Knaresboro, Chief Public Defender; Ernie Mattiuz and Richard Taylor, Elk County Farm Bureau; Ryan Miller, ARS Engineering; and Marilyn Secco and Justin Felgar, Press.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES– April 2, 2026 Commissioners Meeting

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

PRESENTATIONS

1. Proclamation for National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week, April 12th-18th.
2. Ernie Mattiuz with the Farm Bureau Legislative update

RESOLUTIONS –

OLD BUSINESS

1. Bid review for Elk County Jail façade and window restoration project. (Tabled at 4.2.26 meeting)
 - a. Super Shine \$60,096.50
 - b. Steger Masonry \$95,944.00
 - c. Alex Restoration and Mason Repair \$196,100.00
 - d. Keystone Waterproofing, Inc. \$203,488.00
 - e. Graciano Corporation \$192,000.00
 - f. Allegheny Restoration, Inc. \$164,314.00

Ryan Miller reviewed all bids and recommended awarding the bid to Super Shine. Motion to accept Super Shine's bid by Gregory J. Gebauer, second by Matthew G. Quesenberry and carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Announcement only:** Request by Planning Department, clarification of awarded bid for the FY 2022-2023 Curb Cut Project due to calculation error. New total is \$102,186.00, not \$102,197.00

as previously announced. The bid will still be awarded to Steger Masonry, as they remain the lowest bidder.

2. Bid opening for 2017 Ford Escape.
 - a. Chris Pistner \$500.00
 - b. Tristan Dennis \$775.00

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

3. Request by Public Defender Department, Court-Appointed attorney billing rates to \$110 per hour, effective 5/1/26. **Motion to approve by Matthew G. Quesenberry, second by M. Fritz Lecker and carried unanimously.**
4. Request by Maintenance Department, ratification of renewal service agreement (contract) with Cintas for commercial floor mat and mop service for Courthouse and Annex. This is a 60-month automatic renewal agreement with a minimum notice of 90-days to terminate prior to expiration. Unit pricing based on selected items as per schedule, and minimum charges apply. **Motion to approve by Gregory J. Gebauer, second by Matthew G. Quesenberry and carried unanimously.**
5. Request for allocation of Liquid Fuel funds in the amount of \$7,500.00:
 - a. Fox Township for 2026 Paving
 - b. Benezette Township for Porcupine Rd. 2A Topcoat

Motion to approve both items 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. Beran Environmental Services on behalf of EQT Production Company (received April 8th) regarding their intent to file apply to PA DEP for a Chapter 105 Waterway Obstruction and Encroachment Permit for eight (8) a GP-8 Temporary Road Crossing and one (1) GP-11 Maintenance Testing, Repair, Rehabilitation or Replacement of Water Obstructions. The project name is “Sam Entz #2 and #3 Well Plugging and Site Restoration” and is located in Benezette Township. The project will consist of a temporary crossing of five (5) wetlands and one (1) stream as part of the plugging operations of multiple existing shallow gas wells and reclamation/restoration of same. The total disturbance area is 2.99 acres. 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.
- America250PA update: Great American Duck Race and Family Fun Day on June 27th. More details to follow as they become available.
- The PAGO board approved \$1,000 marketing grant for the Glory Bound Musical Festival for rack cards and FaceBook ads.
- The PAGO board approved \$3,500 marketing grant for the new Trail of Dreams ATV system map.
- 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 requested clarification on the jail façade project, asking if this was just a cleaning or did the job require experience. Ryan Miller stated this could be both depending if repairs need to be made.
2. Justin Felgar asked Ernie Mattiuz about the data centers in Elk County and has there been discussions about them. At this point, the Commissioners do not have any knowledge. He also asked about participation in the AgTag program. Ernie Mattiuz stated it was low participation.

COMMENTS FROM TAXPAYERS

ADJOURN MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 11:06 AM on a motion by Gregory J. Gebauer.

Next Meeting:
10:00 A.M. Thursday, May 7, 2026
Thomas G. Wagner Conference Room, Courthouse Annex

Attest: _____

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