

May 1, 2025

Office of the County of Elk Commissioners

Meeting Minutes

Elk County, Ridgway, PA

The County of Elk Commissioners met on Thursday, May 1, 2025 at 10:15 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; Todd Caltagarone, Sheriff; Stephen Sunderland, IT Tech; Madigan McGrath, Job Shadow Student; Kate Brock, Community Education Council; Sierra Himes, Dickinson Center; Mekena Baine, Intern at Dickinson Center; Chi Catalone, Cameron/Elk Suicide Prevention Task Force; John Schlimm, Artist; Angie Catalone, SMAHS Principal; Jesse Schreiber, Dutch Manufacturing Teacher; Isaac, Perlick, Vinny Shufesky, Myah Washburn, Jack Keebler, Jayden Overly, Kaleb Fox, Rhianna Penfield, and Tralynn Ginther, Dutch Manufacturing Students; and Marilyn Secco, Press.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**— April 17, 2025 Commissioners Meeting

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

**RESOLUTIONS –**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Request from Maintenance, ratification of new contract with Allied Systems, Inc. for the replacement of an HVAC cooling tower at Annex building in the amount of \$44,772.80. Cost includes all equipment, plumbing, electrical and crane rental. **Patrick E. Straub stated this repair was exempt from the bidding process. Motion by Matthew G. Quesenberry, second by M. Fritz Lecker and carried unanimously.**
2. Request by CYS, Addendum for Merakey PA. Room and Board Cost for Therapeutic Foster Care from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 at a rate of \$56.10/ day. **Motion by Gregory J. Gebauer, second by Matthew G. Quesenberry and carried unanimously.**
3. Request by CYS, new contract with Menta Psychological, LLC from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 for court ordered mental health evaluations. **Motion by Matthew G. Quesenberry, second by Gregory J. Gebauer and carried unanimously.**
4. Request by Treasurer, new contract with Fairfield Computer Services, LLC for use of online dog licensing system. Initial term is two (2) years beginning August 1, 2025, and automatically renewable for three (3) successive one-year terms. Cost for set up and training is \$1,100.00 and use of system and support is \$110.00/ month. No charge for initial six (6) month of contract. **Matthew Frey explained how this software would improve the process for dog license. Motion by M. Fritz Lecker, second by Matthew G. Quesenberry and carried unanimously.**
5. Request by Veteran Affairs, approval of benefits for 3 veteran burials, 2 widow burials, and 1 veteran headstone. **Motion by Matthew G. Quesenberry, second by Gregory J. Gebauer and carried unanimously.**

6. Application for an allocation of County Liquid Fuel Tax funds in the amount of \$7,000.00.
  - a. Request by Highland Township for Old Lamont Road and Ogrin Road surfacing.
  - b. Request by Jay Township for tar and chip.

**Items 6a and 6b were voted on together. Motion by Gregory J. Gebauer, second by Matthew G. Quesenberry and carried unanimously**

#### **PRESENTATIONS-**

1. Mental Health Awareness Month – John Schlimm, Dutch Manufacturing, CEC, and Cameron/Elk Suicide Prevention Task Force presenting the 9-8-8 coin. **Dutch Manufacturing students gave an overview of the 9-8-8 project and the steps taken to accomplish this. They also explained the significance of each part of the coin and thanked all who supported them.**

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

1. Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc. (CEC) (received April 22<sup>nd</sup>) regarding Keystone Powdered Metal Company's intent to submit a Revised Plan Approval to the PA DEP Air Quality Program. Project scope includes process change in the manufacture of metal plates used to produce long duration storage batteries and addition of two Endothermic Generators (CEC Project 336-900). This notice is provided pursuant to PA Acts 67 and 68 of the Municipalities Planning Code (MPC) and in accordance with PA Act 14, and 25 PA Code 127.43a which requires a 30 day public comment period.
2. Allegheny Coatings, Inc. d/b/a Allegheny Coatings (received April 15<sup>th</sup>) regarding their intent to file apply to the PA DEP for proposed permitting of the existing surface coating facility at 224 River Rd., Ridgway. This notice is provided pursuant to PA Administrative Code 25PA, sections 127.12 and 127.43 and section 1905-A, as amended by Act 14, which requires a 30 day public comment period.
3. PA DEP (received April 11<sup>th</sup>) regarding intent to file an NPDES individual application for Stormwater Discharges associated with construction activities at abandoned mine reclamation project. Project name Hyde Lake South and location is Jones Twp. This notice is provided pursuant to PA Acts 67, 68 and 127 of the Municipalities Planning Code (MPC) which requires a 30 day public comment period.

#### **GOOD OF THE COUNTY**

- Calvin Moore gave an update on the format change for recorded county meetings. Videos are now available on YouTube. You can access them directly on YouTube at the County of Elk PA channel, or via a link on the Elk County website ([www.countyofelkpa.gov](http://www.countyofelkpa.gov))
- We welcome and encourage the public to attend our meetings.
- Congratulations to St. Marys Rotary, District 7360 on 75 years of service.
- May 15<sup>th</sup> is the Peace Officers Memorial Day Service. Blue Mass will be celebrated at 11:00AM at Holy Rosary Church in Johnsonburg. **Sheriff Caltagarone spoke of the lives that are honored by the Blue Mass. The public is welcome to attend.**
- America250PA Liberty Bell is currently at St. Leo's school.
- 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**

**ADJOURN MEETING**

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

**Next Meeting:**

**10:00 A.M. Thursday, May 15, 2025**

**Thomas G. Wagner Conference Room, Courthouse Annex**

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

*Kary Williamson*