

June 18, 2026

**Elk County Board of Commissioners
Meeting Minutes**

Elk County, Ridgway, PA

The Elk County Board of Commissioners met on Thursday, June 18, 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 and Gregory J. Gebauer. Also present were Rick Brown, Solicitor; Patrick Straub, Chief Clerk; Emily Anders, Office Administrator; Calvin Moore, IT Director; Nancy Baker, CYS Director; Tyler Daniels, Assessment Director; Tom Wagner, guest; Joshua Dean, guest; Footlighters: Jack Cleaver, Maureen Goode, Mark Yankovich. Betsy Healy, Marty Kim, and Mike Ames; Court Administration: MaryKate Bevacqua, Cindy Whitaker, Perri Zilkofski, and Lilia Lion; Domestic Relations: Heather Ponce, Robin Overturf, Renee Pritchard, Jennifer Bon, Mary Lewis, Jasmine Peters, Rebekka Dean, and Kyle Stewart; LeeAnn Covac, District Court Administrator; President Judge Shawn McMahon; and Justin Felgar, Press.

Excused was Commissioner Matthew G. Quesenberry.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES– June 4, 2026 Commissioners Meeting

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

PRESENTATIONS

RESOLUTIONS –

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Contract between County of Elk and UMWA 8923 Prison Collective Bargaining Agreement January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2028. **Motion to approve by M. Fritz Lecker, second by Gregory J. Gebauer and carried unanimously.**
2. Contract between County of Elk and UMWA 8923 Court Related Collective Bargaining Agreement January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2028. **Motion to approve by Gregory J. Gebauer, second by M. Fritz Lecker and carried unanimously.**
3. Request by Assessment, one year contract between County of Elk and Pictometry International Corp. (a/k/a Eagleview) to provide access to flyover image library database for up to 125 registered users; 25 concurrent users (“Connect 25 subscription”) at a rate of \$2,500.00 per year. **Motion to approve by Gregory J. Gebauer, second by M. Fritz Lecker and carried unanimously.**
4. Request by IT, acknowledge change of authorized Microsoft volume licensing reseller from CDW Logistics LLC to SHI International Corp. The effective date of change is June 2, 2026. There is no monetary consideration involved. **Motion to approve by M. Fritz Lecker, second by Gregory J. Gebauer and carried unanimously.**

5. Request by Children and Youth Services (CYS), new contract between County of Elk and Becky Krieg, Esq. as CYS Solicitor from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027 at a rate of \$60,000 per year, with additional hours will be billed at a rate of \$75.00 per hour. Minimum service commitments and conditions apply. **Patrick Straub recommending tabling this contract for further review. Motion to table by Gregory J. Gebauer, second by M. Fritz Lecker and carried unanimously.**
6. Request by CYS, renewal contract between County of Elk and Danielle Melillo as CYS Child Advocate Attorney from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 at a rate of \$13,670.86 per year, with additional hours billed at a rate of \$75.00 per hour. **Motion to approve by Gregory J. Gebauer, second by M. Fritz Lecker and carried unanimously.**
7. Request by CYS, renewal contract between Elk County Children and Youth and Elk County Probation Department and Pathways Adolescent Center, Inc. for child placements from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. Rates depend on services provided. **Motion to approve by M. Fritz Lecker, second by Gregory J. Gebauer and carried unanimously.**
8. Request by CYS, renewal contract between Elk County Children and Youth and Elk County Probation Department and Perseus House, Inc. for child placements from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. Rates depend on services provided. **Motion to approve by M. Fritz Lecker, 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. Mersen (received May 18th) regarding intent to submit a Title V renewal application to the PA DEP for their facility located at 1032 Trout Run Rd., St. Mays. Title V Operating permit# 24-00083 expires 12/31/26. This notice is provided in accordance with Municipal notification requirements in 25 PA Code Section 127.413 and by Section 1905-A of the Administrative Code, as amended by Act 14.
2. Beran Environmental Services on behalf of EQT Production Company (received May 28th) regarding their intent to file apply to PA DEP for a Chapter 105 Waterway Obstruction and Encroachment Permit for one (1) GP-8 Temporary Road Crossing. The application will consist of a temporary crossing for one wetland as part of the plugging of an existing shallow natural gas well and reclamation/ restoration of it associated well pad. The project name is “Will Thurby #7” and is located in Benezette Township. The total disturbance area is 4.241 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 updates – We invite all of Elk County and beyond to attend our Salute to America’s 250th with the Great American Duck Race at Sandy Beach Park in Ridgway Township on Saturday June 27th. Flag raising ceremony opening @ 11:30 am; with food, drink, live music and many vendors and exhibitors until 5pm.
- 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. Thomas Wagner provided an update on Elk County's Strategic Child Care Planning Initiative.

ADJOURN MEETING

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

**Next Meeting:
10:00 A.M. Thursday, July 9, 2026
Thomas G. Wagner Conference Room, Courthouse Annex**

Attest: _____

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