

June 19, 2025

**Office of the County of Elk Commissioners
Meeting Minutes**

Elk County, Ridgway, PA

The Elk County Commissioners met on Thursday, June 19, 2025 at 10:00 AM, at the Elk County Annex Building, in the 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 Patrick Straub, Chief Clerk; Emily Anders, Office Administrator; Calvin Moore, IT Director; Becki Taylor, CDBG Coordinator; Matt Frey, Treasurer; Nancy Baker, CYS Director; Nancy Zamoski, Assessment Admin Supervisor; Ryan Miller, ARS Engineering; Carrie Dempsey, Highland Township Supervisor; Jacob McAlee and Savannah Kite, PHEAA students; Amber Bowser and Robert Bowser III, Guests; and Marilyn Secco, Press. Excused was Rick Brown, Solicitor.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES– June 5, 2025 Commissioners Meeting

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

PRESENTATIONS

1. Citation presented to Robert Bowser III for attaining the rank of Eagle Scout. **Robert Bowser III explained his Scouting career and his Eagle Scout project. The Commissioners commended him on this excellent achievement.**

RESOLUTIONS

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Request by Planning, CDBG – Bid opening for the Highland Township Park Project. **One bid was received from S.E. Rodich Excavating, LLC in the amount of \$91,680.00. After a brief discussion, Ryan Miller requested the Commissioners table this discussion for further review. Motion to table by Matthew G. Quesenberry, second by M. Fritz Lecker and carried unanimously.**
2. Request by North Central Regional Planning Development, for appointment of Thomas J. Jesberger as County/Industry Representative on the CEDS Committee for a term to expire December 31, 2026. **Motion by M. Fritz Lecker, second by Gregory J. Gebauer and carried unanimously.**
3. Request by Ridgway Township for allocation of County Liquid Fuel Tax funds in the amount of \$7,000.00 to be used for seal coating township roads. **Motion by Matthew G. Quesenberry, second by Gregory J. Gebauer and carried unanimously.**
4. Requests by CYS for renewal of annual contracts for July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026
 - a. Children’s Aid Society in Clearfield County for foster care with an 18% increase.
 - b. Families United Network for foster care with a 3% increase.
 - c. LifeSpan Family Services of PA for foster care with no increase.
 - d. Danielle Melillo, Guardian Ad Litem with a 2.5% increase.

Items 4a, b, and c were voted on together. Motion by Matthew G. Quesenberry, second by Gregory J. Gebauer and carried unanimously. Item 4d was voted separately. Motion by Gregory J. Gebauer, second by Matthew G. Quesenberry and carried unanimously.

5. Request by the Ridgway Fire Department, to place a banner on the Courthouse Lawn from June 23, 2025 through August 16, 2025 advertising for the Ridgway Fire Department Rock Valley Music Festival. **Motion by Gregory J. Gebauer, second by Matthew G. Quesenberry and carried unanimously.**

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

1. SGL Carbon received June 10th regarding intent to apply for a plan for DEP approval to change Emission Restrictions for an existing source to align with all similar equipment.
2. ASM Holdings, Inc. d/b/a Contact Technologies, Inc. received June 9th regarding intent to apply to the DEP for a new NPDES permit application at 229 West Creek Rd., St. Marys. This notice is provided in accordance with PA Act 14 which requires a 30 day public comment period.

GOOD OF THE COUNTY

- We welcome and encourage the public to attend our meetings.
- Welcome PHEAA students. **Jacob McAlee and Savannah Kite were welcomed. Both of the students are currently working in the Assessment office**
- America250PA update
- Special note – letter rec’d from PA DCED dated 6/16/25 re fiscal monitoring of program funding for Contracts C..84352, C...81827 and C...75557. “There were no findings or concerns found” – Great job by our CDBG Coordinator, Becki Taylor.
- 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 10:25 AM on a motion by Gregory J. Gebauer.

**Next Meeting:
10:00 A.M. Thursday, July 10, 2025
Thomas G. Wagner Conference Room, Courthouse Annex**

Attest: _____
