

June 5, 2025

Office of the County of Elk Commissioners

Meeting Minutes

Elk County, Ridgway, PA

The County of Elk Commissioners met on Thursday, June 5, 2025 at 10:00 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 and Matthew G. Quesenberry. Present via Zoom was Commissioner Gregory J. Gebauer. Also present were Rick Brown, Solicitor; Patrick Straub, Chief Clerk; Emily Anders, Office Administrator; Calvin Moore, IT Director; Becki Taylor, CBGD Coordinator; Tracy Gerber, Planning Director; Mike Straub, Veteran Affairs; Connor Bullers, and Priscilla Ehrensberger, PHEAA Students; David Cunningham and Stephanie Buncich, Keller Engineering on behalf of Brockway Borough; Steve and Yvonne Michuck, Guests; and Marilyn Secco, Press.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**– May 15, 2025 Commissioners Meeting

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

**PRESENTATIONS**

**RESOLUTIONS** –

1. Request by CYS, Proclamation of Child Welfare Professional Appreciation Week, Recognizing the Staff of Elk County Children and Youth Services – June 2 to June 6. **Motion by Gregory J. Gebauer, second by Matthew G. Quesenberry and carried unanimously.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. New 4 year contract with the United Mine Workers of America International Union, Local 8923, for the Elk County Residual Unit, with an effective date of January 1, 2025. **Motion by Gregory J. Gebauer, second by Matthew G. Quesenberry and carried unanimously.**
2. Request by Planning, CDBG - bid opening for the Horton Township Whetstone Waterline Project. **Three bids were received:**

a. Continental Construction of Ridgway	\$1,083,238.00
b. C&R Directional Boring, LLC of Clearfield	\$1,420,350.00
c. Mealy Excavating & Construction of Tionesta	\$996,765.00

**Becki Taylor and Keller Engineering reviewed the bids and recommended Mealy Excavating & Construction. Motion by Matthew G. Quesenberry, second by Gregory J. Gebauer and carried unanimously.**
3. Ratification of new MOU with Jones Township Municipal Authority, temporary advance to Jones Township for emergency funding for sewage pumps in the amount of \$49,989.51. **These funds will be paid out of Act 13. Motion by M. Fritz Lecker, second by Gregory J. Gebauer and carried unanimously.**
4. Request by IT, renewal contract with Zito VoIP at a rate of \$2,828.20/ month effective immediately upon signing for 36 months at a decrease from \$3,075.63. **Motion by Gregory J. Gebauer, second by Matthew G. Quesenberry and carried unanimously.**

5. Request for termination of Agreement with Aidan Bobik to act as COE America250PA Coordinator at Bobik's request via email on 5/14/25. A total of \$5,000.00 was allotted for the America250PA-Elk County Coordinator position and/or projects. Remaining funds in the amount of \$4,410.00 will be reallocated to other exciting America250PA-Elk County projects. More details will follow at the July 10, 2025 Commissioners meeting. **Motion by M. Fritz Lecker, second by Matthew G. Quesenberry and carried unanimously.**
6. Request by Veteran Affairs, approval of benefits for 5 veteran burials, 1 spouse burial, and 5 veteran headstones. **Motion by Gregory J. Gebauer, second by Matthew G. Quesenberry and carried unanimously.**
7. Previous request by Elk County Ecumenical Group, lawn use application for June 6, 2025 for an ice cream social was approved at the March 6, 2025 meeting. Due to weather concerns, Elk County Ecumenical Group is requesting an open ended use between June 6<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> for one day, weather permitting. **Motion by M. Fritz Lecker, second by Matthew G. Quesenberry and carried unanimously.**
8. Application for an allocation of County Liquid Fuel Tax funds in the amount of \$7,000.00 each.
  - a. Request by Ridgway Borough for 2025 Paving Project.
  - b. Request by Saint Marys City for 237.86 tons of 1b stone.**All applications were voted on together. 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. GPI (received May 19<sup>th</sup>) regarding intent of the Borough of Ridgway to apply to PA DEP for an NPDES renewal application for the discharge of treated wastewater from the Borough's Water Treatment. 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. U.S. Dept of Agriculture (USDA) received May 5<sup>th</sup> regarding initiation of an environmental review on a proposal to realign approximately 500 ft of North Country National Scenic Trail South of Branch Rd. in Warrant 5108, Forest County. Notification has been provided as a courtesy to solicit any input, concerns, or suggestions regarding activities occurring in the Allegheny National Forest.

**GOOD OF THE COUNTY**

- M. Fritz Lecker welcomed Connor Bullers and Priscilla Ehrensberger, PHEAA students.
- We welcome and encourage the public to attend our meetings.
- America250PA update
- 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**

**COMMENTS FROM TAXPAYERS**

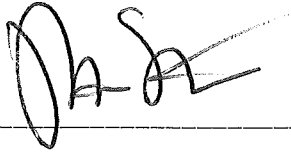
Public comments were made by Steve and Yvonne Michuck.

**ADJOURN MEETING**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 AM on a motion by Matthew G. Quesenberry.

Next Meeting:  
10:00 A.M. Thursday, June 19, 2025  
Thomas G. Wagner Conference Room, Courthouse Annex

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

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