

July 9, 2026

**Elk County Board of Commissioners
Meeting Minutes**

Elk County, Ridgway, PA

The Elk County Board of Commissioners met on Thursday, July 9, 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, Matthew G. Quesenberry, and Gregory J. Gebauer. Also present were Bradley Kraus, Solicitor; Patrick Straub, Chief Clerk; Emily Anders, Office Administrator; Calvin Moore, IT Director; Matthew Frey, Treasurer; Garrett Nicklas, PHEAA student IT; Becki Taylor, CDBG Coordinator; Terrie Covert, 911 Quality Coordinator, RoseAnna Ehrensberger, 911 Coordinator; Rodney Constable, Deputy Warden; Todd Caltagarone, Sheriff; Anthony Santiso, Ridgway Rifle Club President; and Justin Felgar, Press.

Excused was Rick Brown, Solicitor.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve by Matthew G. Quesenberry, second by M. Fritz Lecker and carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES— June 18, 2026 Commissioners Meeting

Motion to approve by Gregory J. Gebauer, second by M. Fritz Lecker and carried unanimously. Matthew G. Quesenberry abstained from voting as he was not present at the previous meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Anthony Santiso, President of the Ridgway Rifle Club gave an update on programs and events being held at the Ridgway Rifle Club and the positive effect these have on the economy of Elk County.

RESOLUTIONS –

1. 2026-05 – Modification to the FY 2023 & FY 2024 CDBG Applications. **Motion to approve by Gregory J. Gebauer, second by Matthew G. Quesenberry and carried unanimously.**

OLD BUSINESS

1. Request by Children and Youth Services, new contract between the 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. In addition, \$1,500 per day for Childline Appeal proceedings. Minimum service commitments, billing itemization, and other conditions apply. This item was tabled at the June 18, 2026 meeting. **Motion to approve by Matthew G. Quesenberry, second by Gregory J. Gebauer and carried unanimously.**

NEW BUSINESS

1. Request by Planning, update to the Elk County and “on behalf of” (OBO) Ridgway Borough Procurement Policy. **Motion to approve by Gregory J. Gebauer, second by M. Fritz Lecker and carried unanimously.**

2. Change order with Super Shine Cleaning & Restoration, LLC for additional 350 brick replacement relating to Elk County Jail Facade and Window Restoration Project. Total amount of change order, including labor and materials is \$17,500.00. **Motion to approve by Matthew G. Quesenberry, second by Gregory J. Gebauer and carried unanimously.**
3. Request by Prison, renewal contract with Jamestown Psychiatric, P.C. for lethality assessment services from July 1, 2026 until terminated by either party upon 60 days notice. Current billing rate is \$225.00 per assessment. **Motion to approve by Gregory J. Gebauer, second by M. Fritz Lecker and carried unanimously.**
4. Revised Deed of Easement between North Central Pennsylvania Regional Planning and Development Commission, The County of Elk, Sawhud Land, LLC and Ridgway Housing Limited Partnership. The purpose of new document is to recognize change of parties only. No associated cost to the County. **Motion to approve by Gregory J. Gebauer, second by Matthew G. Quesenberry and carried unanimously.**
5. Request by the Sheriff's Department, new lease contract with Ubeo Business Services, for a Ricoh IM2500 copier. Term is 63 months at a rate of \$155.00 per month. **Motion to approve by Matthew G. Quesenberry, second by Gregory J. Gebauer and carried unanimously.**
6. Request by Alcohol and Drug Abuse Service, lawn request to place sign on Courthouse lawn for a scavenger hunt from approval until October 1, 2026. **Motion to approve by Gregory J. Gebauer, second by Matthew G. Quesenberry and carried unanimously.**
7. Request for allocation of Liquid Fuel Funds in the amount of \$7,500.00 to Saint Marys City for 2026 1b stone. **Motion to approve by Matthew G. Quesenberry, second by Gregory J. Gebauer and carried unanimously.**
8. Request by Children and Youth Services, renewal contract with Elk County Children and Youth, Elk County Probation Department, and Cornell Abraxas from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 for placement. Rates depend on services provided. **Motion to approve by Matthew G. Quesenberry, second by Gregory J. Gebauer and carried unanimously.**
9. Request by Veteran Affairs, approval of benefits for 3 veteran burials, 3 spouse burials, and 2 headstones. **Motion to approve 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. Beran Environmental Services on behalf of EQT Production Company (received June 3rd) regarding their intent to file apply to PA DEP for a Chapter 105 Waterway Obstruction and Encroachment Permit for eight (8) GP-8 Temporary Road Crossings, and one (1) GP-11 Maintenance, Testing, Repair, Rehabilitation or Replacement of Water Obstructions and Encroachments. The project involves the improvement of existing forest and gas well roads to enable passage of well plugging equipment. Application will consist of a temporary crossing of six (6) wetlands and five (5) streams as part of the plugging of an existing shallow natural gas well and reclamation/ restoration of its associated well pad. The project name is "Will Thurby #4 Well Plugging and Site Restoration" and is located in Benezette Township. 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
- Elk County 911 Center response to Monday, July 6th event. RoseAnna Ehrensberger stated the large number of calls were handled efficiently and professional. The Commissioners thanked the 911 staff for their hard work and dedication.
- 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. Justin Felgar stated that the 2026 Best of Elk County Contest is now available on the newspapers' websites.

COMMENTS FROM TAXPAYERS

ADJOURN MEETING

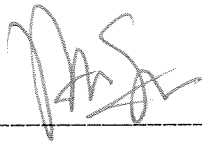
The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 AM on a motion by Matthew G. Quesenberry.

Next Meeting:

10:00 A.M. Thursday, July 23, 2026

Thomas G. Wagner Conference Room, Courthouse Annex

Attest: _____

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