

September 4, 2025
Office of the County of Elk Commissioners
Meeting Minutes

Elk County, Ridgway, PA

The County of Elk Commissioners met on Thursday, September 4, 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, 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; Becki Taylor, CDBG Coordinator; Nancy Baker, CYS Director; Matthew Frey, Treasurer; Barb Swanson, Guest; and Marilyn Secco, Press. Joining via Zoom was Terry Brawand.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES— August 21, 2025 Commissioners Meeting

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

PRESENTATIONS

RESOLUTIONS –

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Request from Planning, present the Elk County Planning Commission's project recommendations for the FY 2025 CDBG Application. **Becki Taylor explained CDBG was allocated \$178,898.00 towards projects and three projects were selected:**
 - a. **Highland Township Water Telemetry in the amount of \$31,350.00**
 - b. **Johnsonburg Public Library in the amount of \$60,500.00**
 - c. **Johnsonburg Community Center in the amount of \$58,300.00****The remaining funds would be used for Slum and Blight in the amount of \$28,838.00**
Motion to accept by Matthew G. Quesenberry, second by Gregory J. Gebauer and carried unanimously.
2. Request from CYS, renewal contract with Cornell Abraxas Group for residential/ secure placements with an 11% to 40% increase depending on care needed. **Motion by M. Fritz Lecker, second by Gregory J. Gebauer and carried unanimously.**
3. Request from CYS, renewal contract with Project Point of Light for evaluations with no increase. **Motion by Matthew G. Quesenberry, second by Gregory J. Gebauer and carried unanimously.**
4. Request from Veteran Affairs, approval of benefits for 3 veteran burials, 1 spouse burial, and 2 veteran headstones. **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. KLH Engineers, Inc. received July 28th regarding intent of the St. Marys Area Water Authority to file apply to the PA DEP for a for a NPDES Permit authorizing the discharge of industrial wastewater from the Company's property. This notice is provided pursuant to Act 14 notification requirements for Water Quality Management Permits under the Clean Streams Law. Applicant must provide written notification to each local municipality and county in which the permitted activity is located at least 30 days before the DEP may issue or deny the Permit.

GOOD OF THE COUNTY

- We welcome and encourage the public to attend our meetings.
- America250PA updates: Barb Swanson. **The Liberty Bell unveiling will be held on November 6, 2025. Barb Swanson spoke of a concert she is working to orchestrate for 2026.**
- The Veteran Affairs office will be closed on September 4th and 16th from 12:30PM to 4:00PM due to mandatory training.
- 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. Public comment made by Terry Brawand.

ADJOURN MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 AM on a motion by Gregory J. Gebauer.

**Next Meeting:
10:00 A.M. Thursday, September 18, 2025
Thomas G. Wagner Conference Room, Courthouse Annex**

Attest: _____

