

October 16, 2025
Office of the County of Elk Commissioners
Meeting Minutes

Elk County, Ridgway, PA

The County of Elk Commissioners met on Thursday, October 16, 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; Matthew Frey, Treasurer; Scott Atwell, Warden; Nancy Baker, CYS Director; Billie Jo Weyant, CAPSEA; Jim Prosper, Dickinson Center; Jacob Gardner, Cameron/ Elk Behavioral and Development Program; and Tim Durkin and Marilyn Secco, Press.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES– October 2, 2025 Commissioners Meeting

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

PRESENTATIONS

1. Effects of the State Budget Impasse on Local Organizations:
 - a. Nancy Baker – Director of CYS
 - b. Jim Prosper – Dickinson Center Inc.
 - c. Billie Jo Weyant – CAPSEA
 - d. Jacob Gardner – Cameron/ Elk Counties Behavioral & Developmental Programs

All 4 agencies spoke of the issues within their organization that are affected by the budget impasse and of potential measures that are being explored. Nancy Baker stated that assistance to adoption and foster families will run out by the end of the month. Jim Prosper stated that the funding of their new building has not been received, even though it was approved on last year's budget. Billie Jo Weyant stated their workforce has been reduced due to lack of funding. Jacob Gardner stated they would need to either open a line of credit or lay off employees. All of the organizations have only a few weeks left before funds will run out which will cause a loss of preventative/human services and the lay-off of employees.

RESOLUTIONS –

1. Resolution 2025-08 – Ratification of Temporary Regulation of Outdoor Burning in Elk County.
Motion to approve by Gregory J. Gebauer, second by Matthew G. Quesenberry and carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Request from CYS, renewal grants with JusticeWorks Youth Care from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026:
 - a. Nurturing Parenting & Nurturing Parenting Substance Abuse for \$55,000.00, a decrease from \$92,756.00.
 - b. Dependent Promising Practices: Just Care for \$110,000.00, an increase of \$10,000.00.
 - c. Truancy Remediation and Diversion, Why Try for \$100,000.00, with no change.

d. Delinquent Promising Practices: Violation Initiative Program for \$50,001.00, an increase of \$20,000.00.

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

2. Request from IT, renewal agreement with OKTA from October 21, 2025 through October 20, 2026 in the amount of \$7,140.00. **Motion to approve by Matthew G. Quesenberry, second by Gregory J. Gebauer and carried unanimously.**
3. Request from Prison, new contract with Kylee Streich, RN as a contract nurse at a rate of \$30.00 per hour. **Motion to approve by Gregory J. Gebauer, second by Matthew G. Quesenberry and carried unanimously.**
4. Request from Ridgway Downtown Decorating Committee, Courthouse lawn use request to decorate for Christmas from November 8, 2025 through January 10, 2026. **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.) N/A

GOOD OF THE COUNTY

- We welcome and encourage the public to attend our meetings.
- America250PA update: Last day for A250PA-Elk County Mini Grants was Oct. 15th
 - Dedication for Liberty Bell on November 6th on Courthouse Lawn-public welcome
 - Opening festivities scheduled for January 27th, 2026 – more details to follow
- 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. Marilyn Secco questioned the start time of the Liberty Bell Dedication Ceremony. M. Fritz Lecker explained it would be at 11:00am on November 6th.

COMMENTS FROM TAXPAYERS

ADJOURN MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 AM on a motion by Gregory J. Gebauer.

**Next Meeting:
10:00 A.M. Thursday, November 6, 2025
Thomas G. Wagner Conference Room, Courthouse Annex**

Attest: _____

